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OF THE
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OF
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

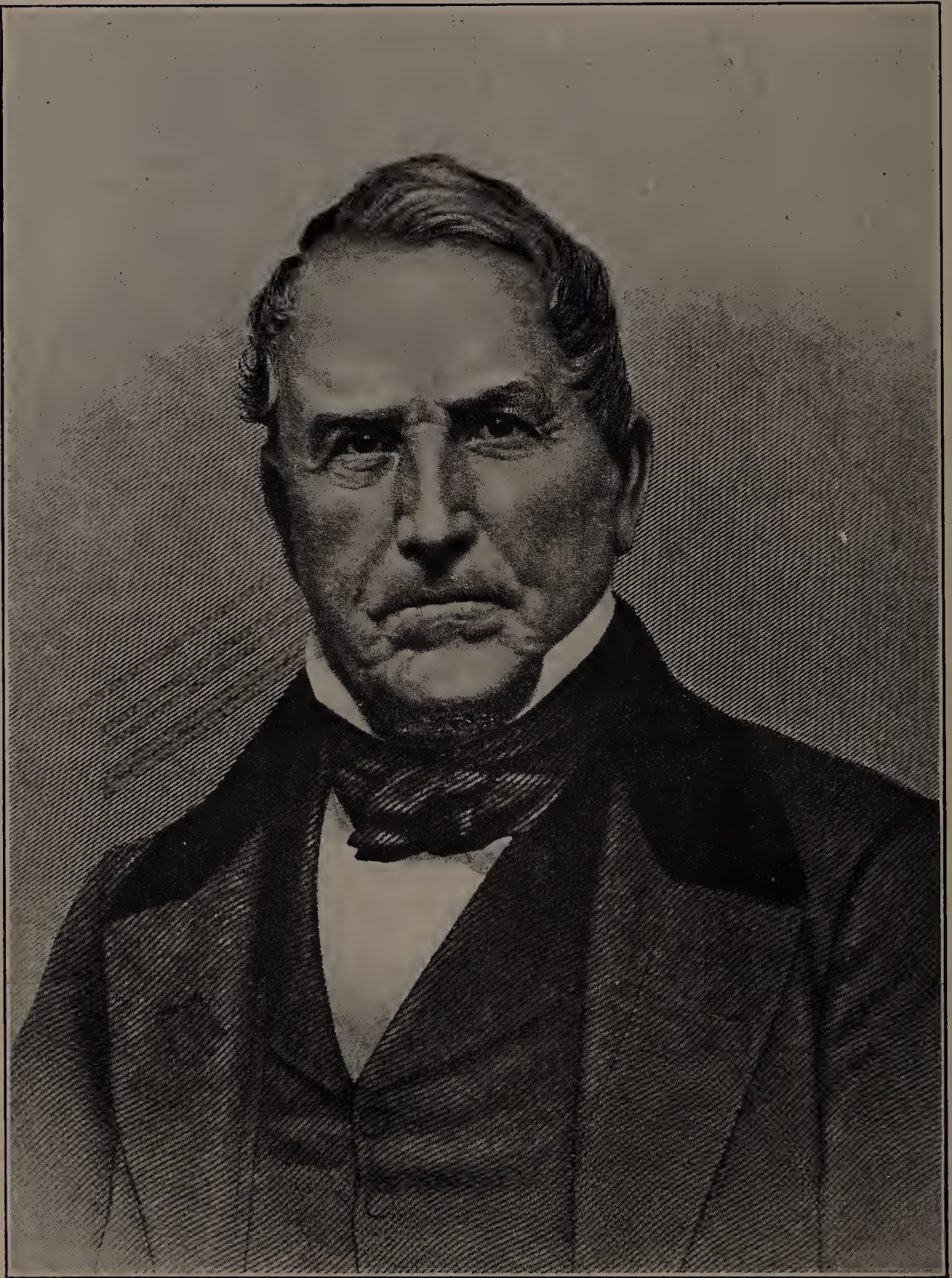
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PETER H. PEIRCE.

March 25, 1788—January 27, 1861.

HON. PETER H. PEIRCE.

Hon. Peter H. Peirce was the youngest of the numerous children of Capt. Job Peirce and wife, Elizabeth Rounseville, and was born in that part of Middleboro now Lakeville, March 25, 1788.

It is proverbially true that the boy is the father of the man, and thus in this case the sequel proved, for those remarkable qualities of head and heart that through life signally distinguished Hon. Peter H. Peirce, and made him the man of mark that he was, were so well defined as inherent possessions, and the results came forth so spontaneously, that several years before he attained to his majority he had built up for himself and become the master of a permanent, well-conducted, successful, and very lucrative business in his native town, and which as a merchant caused him to rank among the first in the southern parts of Massachusetts, where he had few equals and certainly no superiors.

His political influence was unequalled at the time, had never by any other resident of Middleboro been attained before, nor has it been equalled since; and this he enjoyed for some forty years, during all of which he was a patriot more than a politician, ever ready to practice self-sacrifice for the attainment of a good principle and never seeking the pomp of power, or desiring the spoils of office. In dispensing benefits to benevolent and reformatory objects he was ever very liberal, but so regulated his charitable bestowments that the right hand might not know the act of the left.

He was never an office-seeker, although his power to obtain office was almost unbounded, and hence he held few offices, and these were at first in the militia, when ease and pleasure were for the time supplanted by fatigue and danger. He led a company of the coast guard in active service in the last war with England, and was subsequently promoted to the office

of lieutenant-colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Infantry in Plymouth County Brigade, from which circumstance the familiar appellation of Col. Peirce, by which he was generally known.

It may be of general interest to know that when the Fall River branch railroad was being built to connect with the Old Colony Railroad at South Braintree in 1846—7, by the efforts of Col. Peirce, assisted by a few friends in taking stock, etc. this road was induced to come through Middleboro instead of passing some distance to the west as first planned.

He was several times elected to a seat in the State Senate, where the committee upon which he was appointed to serve shows that his ability was recognized and respected, and in which body he made for himself an honorable record. His death occurred upon the 27th of Jan. 1861, leaving a wife and eight children to emulate his virtues and mourn his loss.

History of Plymouth County.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1908.

Town Clerk.

AMOS H. EATON

Term expires 1909

Treasurer and Collector.

AMOS H. EATON.

Selectmen.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS

Term expires 1909

CORNELIUS H. LEONARD

" 1910

CHARLES N. ATWOOD

" 1911

Assessors.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS

Term expires 1909

ALLERTON THOMPSON

" 1910

ALBERT T. SAVERY

" 1911

Overseers of the Poor.

CHARLES W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1909

CHARLES M. THATCHER

" 1910

EDWIN F. WITHAM

" 1911

School Committee.

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS

Term expires 1909

NATHAN WASHBURN

" 1909

CHARLES S. TINKHAM

" 1910

E. T. P. JENKS

" 1910

WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH

" 1911

SUSAN L. CUSHMAN

" 1911

Superintendent of Schools.

CHARLES H. BATES.

Municipal Light Board.

HENRY W. SEARS

Term expires 1909

WILKES H. F. PETTEE

" 1910

LYMAN P. THOMAS

" 1911

Board of Health.

THOMAS S. HODGSON, M. D.	Term expires 1909
JAMES A. BURGESS	" 1910
BERT J. ALLAN	" 1911

Constables.

F. HERBERT BATCHELDER	DAVID S. SURREY
SAMUEL S. LOVELL	HARRY W. SWIFT
JOHN M. LUIPPOLD	FRED A. THOMAS
FRED C. SPARROW	ICHABOD B. THOMAS

Superintendent of Streets.

JOHN C. CHACE

Registrars of Voters.

LORENZO WOOD	Term expires 1909
JAMES H. RUSSELL	" 1910
WALTER M. CHIPMAN	" 1911

Trustees of Public Library.

DAVID G. PRATT	Term expires 1909
JOSEPH E. BEALS	" 1909
KENELM WINSLOW	" 1909
GEORGE BRAYTON	" 1910
E. S. HATHAWAY	" 1910
ANDREW M. WOOD	" 1910
WALTER SAMPSON	" 1911
W. H. SOUTHWORTH	" 1911
NATHAN WASHBURN	" 1911

Fish Wardens.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS	CORNELIUS H. LEONARD
CHARLES N. ATWOOD	

Fence Viewers.

RUFUS CARPENTER	JULIUS FOSTER PENNIMAN
ZENAS E. PHINNEY	

Tree Warden.

LUTHER S. BAILEY

Auditor.

PERCY W. KEITH

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 1908 AND ADJOURNMENTS HELD MARCH 25, APRIL 29, JUNE 1 AND JUNE 15, 1908.

Suppression of crime	\$1,000 00
Memorial Day Post 8 G. A. R.	200 00
Tree Warden	200 00
Watering streets	600 00
Reimburse Josiah Carver	120 00
Support of schools	28,514 00
School transportation	1,750 00
School house repairs	1,000 00
School committee's salaries	150 00
Soldiers' relief	3,500 00
Military aid	200 00
Incidentals	3,000 00
Water supply	1,500 00
Town debt	8,900 00
Interest	3,500 00
Board of Health and Inspection of Plumbing	850 00
Town House Committee	500 00
Gypsy and Brown Tail moths	1,000 00
Town officers	2,600 00
Support of Poor	7,200 00
Highways	
Supt's salary and clerical expenses	1,150 00
Clearing snow and general expenses	1,350 00
Grove Street	1,000 00
Sidewalks	1,000 00
Police	250 00
Night Watch	725 00
Gas and Electric Plant	7,000 00
Committee to investigate gas and elec. plant	300 00

Suburban Lighting	\$300 00
Salary Municipal Light Board	150 00
Spraying trees	200 00
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Total Appropriations	\$79,709 00
Deduct	
Corporation and Bank tax	6,765 33
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To be raised by tax	\$72,943 67
Voted by town	\$72,943 67
State tax	7,480 00
State highway tax	423 17
County tax	6,196 44
Non-resident bank tax	193 92
Overlay	758 12
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Total to be raised by tax	\$87,995 32
Assessed on 2110 polls	4,220 00
Assessed on personal property	16,954 00
Assessed on real estate	66,905 00
Assessed on non-resident bank stock	193 92
Number of polls assessed, 2110	
Value of buildings excluding land	\$2,409,173 00
Value of land excluding buildings	1,201,933 50
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	\$3,611,106 50
Value of personal estate	916,489 19
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	\$4,527,595 69
Persons, firms, etc., assessed on property	
Residents	1520
Non-residents	319
Persons assessed for poll only	1186
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	3025
Number of horses assessed	836
Number of cows assessed	633
Number of swine assessed	21

Number of fowl assessed	\$5885
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	100
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1565
Number of acres of land	40,195
Population of town	6,893
Taxes remitted in 1904	21 66
Taxes remitted in 1905	101 20
Taxes remitted in 1906	134 03
Taxes remitted in 1907	261 84
Taxes remitted in 1908	655 80
Added taxes in 1908	2,607 81

Tax rate \$18 50 on \$1000.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS,
ALBERT T. SAVERY,
ALLERTON THOMPSON,

Assessors of Middleboro.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the year ending December 31, 1908.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for the amounts hereinafter given under the several appropriations made by the town:

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$2,600 00	
Unexpended	699 86	
	<hr/>	\$3,299 86

Orders drawn:

Amos H. Eaton, Town clerk, treasurer and collector	\$916 66
Amos H. Eaton, treasurer, committee on appropriations	50 00
Amos H. Eaton, treasurer, caucus officers	58 50
Amos H. Eaton, registrar	63 65
Amos H. Eaton, treasurer, election officers	131 00
Amos H. Eaton, clerical work	100 00
Amos H. Eaton, administering oaths	25 00
Lyman P. Thomas, selectman	47 50
William M. Haskins, selectman and assessor	480 00
Charles N. Atwood, selectman	90 00
Cornelius H. Leonard, selectman	161 50
Albert T. Savery, assessor	290 00
Allerton Thompson, assessor	305 00
James H. Russell, registrar	52 85
Walter M. Chipman, registrar	52 85
Lorenzo Wood, registrar	52 85
Alvin C. Howes, moderator	30 00

Percy W. Keith, auditor	\$300 00	
Percy W. Keith, auditor, returns to State	25 95	
Georgia H. Crapo, clerk	51 00	
Alta Battles, clerk	12 00	
Clara G. Gray, clerk	101 20	
Mrs. John Belden, clerk	39 00	
Florence McDermid, clerk	89 05	
	<hr/>	3,525 56
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$225 70

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Received from Geo. E. Keith	2 87	
Transferred from Fourth District Court	157 41	
	<hr/>	\$3,160 28
Overdrawn 1907		63 90
		<hr/> \$3,096 38
Available 1908		

Orders drawn

James F. Roberts, auto officer	\$2 00
James A. Burgess, inspection meats	128 95
J. F. Shurtleff, return of births	1 75
T. G. Sisson, team for forest fire	3 00
B. F. Johnson, ink and help in Hall	2 50
Jones Bros. Co., supplies for lockup	19 95
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing and envelopes	157 25
Carters Ink Co.	2 20
Annie M. Reed, making State Aid papers	5 00
N. Washburn, legal services in 1907	88 00
W. L. Soule, return of deaths	22 50
W. L. & E. Gurley, supplies for Sealer	5 84
A. S. Tallman, Inspector of animals	183 26
B. F. Johnson, feed of prisoners and work on lawn	69 25
Middleboro News, printing and advertising	383 78
H. S. Thomas, typewriting	4 50
Thorp & Martin Co., stapler	1 50
So. Mass. Tel. Co.	43 02

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., rebates	\$40 40
A. C. Wilbur, return of births	5 00
A. M. Bearse, stamped envelopes.	64 32
L. P. Thomas, car fares and cash paid out	6 20
T. A. Churbuck, measuring water at Vaughan's Bridge	96 00
Sarah A. Phinney, dinners and suppers for Election Officers	8 00
Emery Record Preserving Co., re-binding tax books	7 50
A. H. Eaton, recording and returning marriages, deaths and births	114 20
E. E. Hobart, entry fee	3 00
Municipal Engineering Co., subscription	2 00
P. B. Murphy, printing	8 50
J. H. Leahy, return of births	2 75
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks	6 25
Walter Bryant, forest fires	143 30
S. E. Matthews, burning ballots	1 50
Library Bureau, dog license cards	4 25
W. F. Fryer, return of births	5 25
Oscar Perkins, overpaid tax	16 16
J. L. Benson, forest fires	85 60
Adder Machine Co.	300 00
E. H. Cromwell, forest fires	64 90
The Typewriter Exchange	35 00
E. H. Blake, keys	2 40
C. E. Ryder, interest on Town Clerk bond	75 00
William M. Haskins, horse hire, car fares, and cash paid out as Selectman and Assessor	89 50
J. J. Hargraves, ink	4 00
T. F. Conway, forest fires	11 20
L. O. Atwood, forest fires	16 75
H. E. Smith, error in tax 1907	4 04
Lorenzo Wood, printing and advertising	171 50
D. S. Surrey, forest fires	8 60
Dora A. Patterson, settlement of suit	50 00
T. G. Sisson, teaming	11 00
J. L. Fairbanks Co., Cash book	9 50
B. F. Johnson, keeper of lockup	50 00

Allerton Thompson, horse hire and travelling expenses	\$118 50	
B. F. Johnson, supplies for lockup	9 55	
Edgar D. Wood, Sealer	37 50	
C. Hennecke, lawn seats	21 00	
Keystone Job Print, printing	16 00	
W. H. McFarland, paper for adding machine	4 00	
D. F. Wilbur, Dog Officer	50 00	
E. E. Place, Sealer	5 00	
E. H. Blake, push cart for Sealer	10 00	
Safety Check Protector Co.	22 00	
Newman Clock Co., dials for watchman's clock	5 10	
Walter L. Beals, rubber stamps	1 00	
Mrs. C. F. Gay, dinners for Election Officers	4 00	
H. W. Atwood, forest fires	22 40	
J. H. Wheeler, distributing tax bills	35 00	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., lease	1 00	
A. E. Martell Co., Collection Book	3 50	
John S. Holmes, rebate on tax paid	20 75	
A. T. Savery, horse hire and travelling expenses	30 30	
A. H. Eaton, cash paid out	27 98	
J. C. Chace, Freight	1 98	
W. F. Fryer, professional services for prisoner	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,096 38

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Received for rent of Hall	1,277 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,777 00
Overdrawn 1907		190 67
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Available 1908		\$1,586 33

Orders drawn

B. F. Johnson, janitor	\$485 65
B. F. Johnson, assistance	9 60
John Belden, janitor	30 00
W. H. Goodwin, janitor	2 00

John Belden, electric installation	\$9 90	
F. F. Shurtleff, electric installation	37 94	
H. A. Witbeck, electric lamps	3 00	
C. L. Hathaway, insurance	40 00	
Annie M. Reed, insurance	40 00	
J. F. Alden, insurance	40 00	
S. G. Robinson, insurance	40 00	
Charles E. Ryder, insurance	40 00	
T. M. Ryder, insurance	40 00	
D. D. Sullivan, insurance	40 00	
Percy W. Keith, insurance	40 00	
Midd. Clothing Co., Dustbane	3 24	
Smith & Hathaway, blotting, floor wax, and dust layer	7 00	
T. W. Pierce, plumbing repairs	42 25	
Formacone Co.,	9 00	
Fred C. Sparrow, repairs and putting up booths	149 39	
W. M. Haskins, Agent 1907 and 1908	125 00	
James L. Jenney, coal and boards for coal bin	467 70	
E. H. Blake, keys and putting up awnings	2 90	
W. F. Dean, covering screens	3 50	
T. G. Sisson, carting rubbish and mov- ing piano	27 65	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	18 70	
J. & G. E. Doane, hardware	27 96	
Jones Bros. Co., tables and rent of chairs	9 75	
Midd. Gas & Electric Plant, light	676 41	
Lloyd Perkins, 2nd, plumbing	33 63	
Lucas & Thomas, soap	4 32	
John C. Chace, brick work	1 00	
A. G. Hayes, care of sewer	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,512 49
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$926 16

NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation	\$725 00	
Unexpended	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$746 00

Orders drawn:	
George E. Hatch	\$767 00
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Overdrawn	\$21 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Balance from 1907	2 00	
Transferred from Fourth District Court	211 66	
	<hr/>	\$463 66

Orders drawn:		
Fred A. Thomas	\$52 81	
Harry W. Swift	47 02	
John M. Luippold	109 00	
Fred C. Sparrow	32 50	
Herbert Batchelder	29 00	
Frank S. Thomas	3 50	
Ichabod B. Thomas	19 50	
Harry F. Snow	10 50	
Everett T. Lincoln	35 03	
William A. Green	3 00	
David S. Surrey	41 00	
Roger Nuttall	6 50	
Samuel S. Lovell	39 30	
Jones Bros. Co.	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$463 66

REIMBURSEMENTS.

To reimburse Green and Liuppold in
their defense as Police Officers of
Middleboro

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Orders drawn		\$200 00

To reimburse J. T. Carver in his defense
as Police Officer of Middleboro

Appropriation	\$120 00	
Orders drawn		\$120 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Balance 1907	100 00	
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Orders drawn		
Kenelm Winslow		900 00
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Balance		\$200 00

HIGHWAYS.

Unexpended	\$815 78	
Appropriation for Supt.'s salary and clerical expenses	1,150 00	
Appropriation for clearing snow and general expenses	1,350 00	
Received from Street Sprinkling	1,337 64	
Excise Tax	1,599 01	
From other sources, as per Superintendent's report	16,831 01	
	<hr/>	\$23,083 44
Orders drawn:		
General highway bills approved by Supt. of Streets	\$23,118 09	
477 yds. street crossings at 50 cents charged in 1907 to sidewalk acct.	238 50	
	<hr/>	\$23,356 59
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Overdrawn		\$273 15

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Overdrawn 1907	228 60	
	<hr/>	771 40
477 yds. sidewalks at 50 cents in 1907 charged to Highways	238 50	
Error in 1907		9 28
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Available 1908		\$1,019 18

Orders drawn:

John C. Chace, pay rolls	\$745 69	
M. M. Cartier & Sons Co.	263 71	
	<hr/>	\$1,009 40
Balance		<hr/> \$9 78

SPRINKLING STREETS.

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Orders drawn:		\$600 00

GYPSY MOTHS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Balance 1907	18 16	
Tax	226 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,244 26

Orders drawn:

John C. Chace, pay rolls	\$ 1,673 09	
Harold L. Bond Co.	57 50	
F. N. Whitman	67	
Stamped envelopes	11 24	
Circulars	3 85	
J. & G. E. Doane	10 12	
	<hr/>	\$1,756 47
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$512 21

PINE STREET.

Balance from 1907	\$114 23	
Received from County Commissioners	400 00	
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Available 1908	\$514 23	
Orders drawn:	502 53	
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Balance	\$11 70	

GROVE STREET.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Orders drawn	315 76	
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Balance	\$684 24	

SEWERS.

Receipts:		
5 sewer permits at \$25	\$125 00	
Overdrawn 1907	47 23	
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Balance		\$77 77

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Appropriation spraying trees	200 00	
Balance 1907	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
Orders drawn:		
Luther S. Bailey		\$500 00

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Orders drawn		\$1,500 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$3,500 00	
Received from Wareham	8 25	
Received from Plymouth	60 00	
Received from State Treasurer	105 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,673 25
Overdrawn in 1907		1,881 81
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Available 1908		\$1,791 44
Orders drawn:		
W. E. Bump	\$37 00	
Mrs. M. A. Perry	56 00	
D. F. Wilbur	30 00	
Samuel Williams	9 75	
Geo. Herman	72 50	
Jas. McMann	52 88	
Geo. Powers	29 00	
Geo. L. Finney	36 50	
Chas. Mitchell	37 00	
Joseph Williams	141 00	
Wm. F. Thompson	104 00	

James Farley	\$84 00	
Harrison Haskins	30 50	
Geo. B. Leonard	37 75	
Rebecca Atwood	75 00	
Mrs. L. L. Parry	74 50	
Geo. B. Thomas	16 00	
Mrs. I. M. Foye	10 00	
Town of Sandwich, on account of		
H. P. Lovell	119 48	
Alphonso Bliss	45 00	
Mrs. Ruth Bliss	68 00	
James Bryant	15 00	
Mrs. Geo. Herman	12 00	
Mrs. Thomas Wilmot	96 00	
Arad Thomas	24 00	
Geo. Temple	60 00	
Geo. H. Shaw, 2nd	24 00	
J. B. Wing	37 00	
Wilson Orr	12 00	
William Carl	10 00	
Earl T. Smith	40 00	
Abial Gibbs	14 00	
S. H. Frisby	11 25	
Theo. P. Holmes	30 25	
Artemas Morse	16 00	
Perley Haven	54 00	
Mrs. Ellen Barrows	63 50	
Chas. A. Howes	10 00	
D. H. Holmes, Soldiers' doctor		
for one year	205 00	
Alvin C. Howland	21 50	
Stephen S. Gibbs	10 00	
City of Brockton, on account of Isabel		
H. Finney	72 00	
Walter Jefferson	6 00	
C. W. Clark	67 00	
Melissa Collins	48 00	
Chas. O. Cook	72 00	
Mrs. C. H. Crandall	48 00	
Mrs. C. H. Perry and child	120 00	
Mrs. Jennie F. Shaw	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,424 36
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$632 92

STATE AID.

A list of the names of those persons to whom State Aid has been paid during the year 1908, and the amount paid to each.

• Alden, Matilda J.	\$48 00	Dunham, Harriet A.	\$48 00
Alden, Susan M.	48 00	Dunham, Mary Y.	48 00
Atwood, Rebecca S.	48 00	Drew, Hannah S.	16 00
Atwood, John S.	48 00	Eaton, Henry A.	72 00
Atwood, Eliza	48 00	Eaton, Deborah F.	48 00
Ashley, Susan E. J.	44 00	Fagan, Peter	72 00
Barrows, Ellen J.	48 00	Fagan, Hannah	48 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus	72 00	Finney, George L.	72 00
Bisbee, Abigail	48 00	Finney, Cordelia A.	48 00
Bliss, Alphonso	72 00	Finney, Thomas W.	48 00
Boardman, Julia	48 00	Finney, Isabelle B.	48 00
Bryant, James W.	72 00	Freeman, Andrew	48 00
Bryant, Drusilla J.	48 00	Field Lysander	72 00
Bryant, William E.	72 00	Field, Zelfhia M.	44 00
Bump, Benjamin W.	72 00	Garlick, Henry E.	48 00
Bump, William E.	72 00	Gammons, Thomas G.	48 00
Bump, Juliett H.	36 00	Gibbs, Isaac F.	24 00
Bryant, Mary J.	48 00	Gibbs, Stephen S.	12 00
Capen, Mary L.	48 00	Handy, Simeon	12 00
Carl, William H.	48 00	Haines, Maria H.	48 00
Carter, James	60 00	Hammond, Stephen H.	52 00
Caswell, William W.	72 00	Harlow, Simeon	72 00
Clark, Maria H.	48 00	Harvey, Alexander V.	48 00
Churchill, Annie E.	48 00	Haskell, John T.	50 00
Cole, Job N.	72 00	Haskins, Harrison	72 00
Cole, Allie D.	48 00	Haven, Perley	66 00
Coombs, William A.	72 00	Herman, George H.	72 00
Coombs, Julia	48 00	Holmes, Theodore P.	72 00
Copeland, Amy E.	48 00	Holmes, Charles H.	72 00
Cobb, Amelia S.	52 00	Howland, Alvin C.	54 00
Chandler, William B.	18 00	Henlin, Louisa	48 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Higgins, Harrison L.	72 00
Dorr, Mary T.	48 00	Hathaway, Sarah	44 00
Drew, Stephen D., Jr.	42 00	King, Katherine	44 00

Knowland, John B.	\$60 00	Shaw, Jennie F.	\$48 00
Lane, Benjamin F.	48 00	Shaw, Martha	48 00
Litchfield, William C.	48 00	Shaw, Joanna	48 00
Littlejohn, Ira O.	60 00	Shores, Phoebe C.	48 00
Lyon, Mary A.	48 00	Sisson, Clarinda A.	48 00
McMann, James E.	54 00	Smith, John E.	72 00
McMann, Lydia A.	48 00	Soule, Ally J.	24 00
Merrick, John R.	48 00	Southworth, Rodney E.	24 00
Morse, Charles H.	48 00	Staples, William S.	72 00
Morse, Ezra	72 00	Shurtleff, Benjamin	48 00
Macomber, Celia S.	32 00	Temple, George	72 00
Morse, Artemas	10 00	Thomas, Arad Jr.	72 00
Nichols, Lucia M.	48 00	Maglathlin, Lucy	48 00
Nickerson, Hiram	72 00	Thomas, Lucy	48 00
Nickerson, Eliza E.	48 00	Thomas, George B.	42 00
Norveille, Susan	48 00	Thomas, Mary	48 00
Perry, Mary A.	20 00	Thompson, William F.	48 00
Perkins, John J.	72 00	Waterman, Julia A.	48 00
Perkins, Lucy	48 00	Weatherbee, David N.	48 00
Perkins, Joshua	72 00	Weatherbee, Mary H.	48 00
Pittsley, Charles P.	72 00	Westgage, Edward S.	72 00
Pittsley, Sarah J.	48 00	Weston, Dura T.	72 00
Place, Edward E.	16 00	Leonard, Ellen	48 00
Raymons, Lucius S.	48 00	Williams, Samuel	72 00
Raymons, Marcus M.	36 00	Williams, Joseph	72 00
Scanlon, John	72 00	Wing, Joshua G.	15 00
Shaw, George H.	72 00	Wentworth, George A.	24 00
Shaw, Jonathon W.	72 00	Wentworth, Elizabeth	16 00

A list of the names of persons to whom Military Aid has been paid during the year 1908, and the amount paid to each.

Gibbs, Abiel	\$120 00	Wilbur, Daniel F.	\$220 00
Leonard, George B.	198 00	Place, Edward E.	70 00
Powers, George	120 00	Howes, Charles A.	24 00
Wood, Jacob	144 00	Haven, Perley	40 00

The Selectmen have made the following appointments in their order:

William M. Haskins, Burial Agent
 H. H. Robinson, Inspector of Alewives
 Chester E. Weston, Forest Warden
 Alfred S. Tallman, Inspector of Animals
 John C. Chace, Superintendent of Streets
 John C. Chace, Inspector of Moths
 George E. Hatch, Night Watch
 Walter M. Chipman, Registrar of Voters
 George H. Northcott, Public Weigher
 L. E. Thomas, Public Weigher
 Edgar D. Wood, Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELECTION OFFICERS.

PRECINCT 1.

A. W. Leonard, Warden.
 J. Warren S. Gibbs, Deputy Warden.
 P. W. Keith, Clerk.
 B. J. Allan, Deputy Clerk.
 T. J. Pratt, Inspector.
 B. E. Holmes, Inspector.
 M. V. B. Pratt, Deputy Inspector.
 H. A. Pratt, Deputy Inspector.
 Josiah T. Carver, Officer.

PRECINCT 2.

George F. Bryant, Warden.
 C. E. Weston, Deputy Warden.
 Walter L. Beals, Clerk.
 E. F. Witham, Teller and Inspector.
 W. M. Haskins, Inspector.
 Edgar D. Wood, Inspector.
 E. T. P. Jenks, Deputy Inspector and Teller
 Walter M. Snow, Deputy Inspector.
 James F. Roberts, Officer.

The rebuilding of Taunton and Centre streets from Lakeville line to the Centre St. Railroad Bridge necessitated the re-locating of the East Taunton Street Railway track in some

places, and after a hearing held Nov. 20th the Selectmen granted said relocation, a plan of which is on file.

In the suit against the City of Taunton there was a new trial granted which was heard before a jury, and a verdict of \$13,441.00 awarded the Town.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS,	}	Selectmen.
CORNELIUS H. LEONARD,		
CHARLES N. ATWOOD,		

REPORT OF FISH WARDENS.

Received from sale of herrings	\$261 00	
Received from towns down the river	190 00	
	<hr/>	\$451 00
Orders drawn:		
Midd. Highway Dept., building cement dam	\$102 25	
Walter D. Blair, Fish Warden	10 00	
Daniel F. Wilbur, watching	15 00	
H. H. Robinson, watching at East Taunton	130 00	
Geo. W. Starbuck, carpenter work	4 15	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	3 62	
A. W. Merritt, watching	2 00	
Wm. Quindley, watching	30 00	
C. H. Leonard, Fish Warden	5 00	
Wm. M. Haskins, Fish Warden	5 00	
C. N. Atwood, Fish Warden	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$312 02
Balance to divide with Lakeville		<hr/> \$138 98

WILLIAM M. HASKINS,
 CORNELIUS H. LEONARD,
 CHARLES N. ATWOOD,
 Fish Wardens.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Middleboro, Mass., January 1st, 1909.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1908.

Owing to the large amount of extra work required of the several sealers of the state, by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures whose object is to have all laws pertaining to this department thoroughly and impartially enforced. Entering heartily into these efforts of a more thorough execution of the laws for the protection of a consuming public, I have as a result exceeded all past procedures of Middleboro in receipts and expenditures.

I believe the time has now come when the town should place this department on a respectable basis, viz.—taken from the incidental account and the sealer be paid a regular salary and allowed a certain amount for expenses. There are many reasons why I advocate this change, but the chief one is that it will save confusion between this department and the Town Treasurer. An inventory of the property belonging to this department has been taken and is hereby presented. This includes the standard balances weights and measures furnished to the town by the state.

The assets as per report Jan. 1, 1908 were	\$534 80
Added during the year 1908	39 89
	\$574 69
Total assets Jan. 1, 1909	

During the past year I have sealed, adjusted or condemned weights and measures used in the purchase or sale of articles that go into the homes of the consuming public of Middleboro as follows:

Articles	Sealed	Adjusted or Condemned
Platform scales	75	3
Spring balances	52	4
Counter balances	60	0
Steel yards	6	4
Computing scales	21	7
Wagon scales	7	1
Railroad scales	2	0
Wet measures	100	13
Dry measures	91	7
Yard measures	36	1
Linear measures	1	0
Weights	422	29
Milk bottles	2407	241
Milk cans	6	0
Cranberry barrels	3108	131
Total	6394	441

COAL.

I have tested the weight of 20 loads of coal and have found 17 loads correct, two short to which warning letters were sent and one overweight. I have also called for certificates of weight at various times and have found that all dealers are complying with the law in this respect.

STORES VISITED.

I have made 39 visits to the several stores and places of business and am happy to say that the custom of weighing and figuring heavy packages as a part of the article purchased has been abolished.

PROSECUTIONS.

I have made no prosecutions during the year, warning letters having been sufficient.

JUNK DEALERS AND PEDDLERS.

I have made frequent examinations of junk dealers and peddlers and when in error they have shown a desire to abide by the law.

DEALERS IN BREAD.

The law in regard to the weight of bread was so amended by the General Court of 1908 that the different sealers of the Commonwealth are made the executive officers to see that the law thereto is complied with. This has been done, and all dealers of bread in Middleboro are now complying with the law.

FEES.

I have collected in fees and turned into the Town Treas.	\$79 55
Collected by the Town Treasurer(G. E. Keith Co.)	2 87
Uncollected	1 12
Total	<hr/> \$83 54

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

On account of permanent assets	
For push cart	\$12 25
torch and oil can	5 50
record book	8 50
dies stamps and sundries	5 54
glass ink	4 00
paper seals	3 75
	<hr/> \$39 84
On account of general expenses horse hire and assistance	\$35 00
E. D. Wood paid for sundries	8 04
	<hr/> \$43 04
Total expenses including cost of assets	\$82 88
Charges as sealer	
To 266 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours at 40 cents per hour	\$106 50
To 100 hours at 30 cents per hour	
cranberry barrels	30 00
To money paid out	8 04
	<hr/> \$144 54
Received on account	99 55
	<hr/> \$44 99
Amount to balance	

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for permanent assets	\$39 84
General expenses	43 04
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	\$82 88
Sealer's charges	136 50
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	\$219 38
Less fees collected or due	83 54
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Leaving a deficit of	\$135 74

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR D. WOOD,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro,

The following is a statement of receipts and disbursements for and on account of Highways, State Highways, and town bills, etc. as received and paid since Jan. 1, 1908.

Unexpended balance for 1907	\$915 88
Appropriation	2,500 00
A. B. Chapin, State Treasurer	1,004 46
Appropriation and receipts Street Sprinkling	1,337 64
Geo. Wood Estate, labor and drain Pipe	132 62
F. L. Barrows, crushed stone	123 03
S. N. Shiverick, gravel etc.	22 70
H. L. Clapp, gravel etc.	8 00
G. E. Tillson, Treas., stone dust	9 70
N. B. & O. St. Rwy.	15 20
Walter Perkins, for Lakeville	3 00
St. Rwy. tax	1,304 08
H. L. Thatcher, stone dust	7 50
Repairing State Highway	446 10
A. B. Chapin, for Murdock St.	5,019 25
Peirce Trustees, to balance Peter Boyer acct.	68 50
Peirce Trustees, instead of an appropriation	6,778 96
Cash for Town teams by Peirce Trustees etc.	1,670 49
Excise tax	1,599 01
Allerton Thompson, walks, wall etc.	116 82
N. B. & O. St. Rwy. Co., repairs on bridge	52 60
Board of Health	2 00
For fresh pork	46 00
	<hr style="width: 20%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$23,183 54

General expenses since Jan. 3, 1908		
T. W. Pierce, tools, drain pipe etc.	\$411	44
Bryant & Soule, hay, grain and coal	851	53
Margaret Cleverly, gravel	98	90
T. G. Ford, blacksmith, Bridge	4	00
M. H. Penniman, street signs	118	00
W. E. Fay, blacksmith work on snow-plows	69	82
Sparrow Bros., oil clothes	5	00
N. E. Brick Co., brick for basins	14	30
G. H. Simmons, wood	27	00
LeBaron Foundry Co., grates for basins	59	44
Springfield Roller Co., repair parts for steam roller	220	00
T. F. Conway, fixing horse's teeth	2	00
Harold L. Bond, tools, snow plow etc.	219	09
Wylie Bros., machine work	70	70
Aberthaw Construction Co., iron work for bridges	41	28
Eagle Oil Co., oil, belts, etc.	92	10
J. L. & H. K. Potter, repairs for sprinklers	9	10
F. C. Norris, harness repairs	26	35
Good Roads Co., repairs for machinery	141	85
Watson Wagon Co., new wagon	137	08
O'Hara Bros., coal	9	45
J. L. Jenney, coal and wood	21	01
N. Bump, repairs on crusher etc.	55	03
Frank Warren, horseshoeing	13	84
Lloyd Perkins, machine work on crusher and roller	47	24
C. W. Maxim, planing snow plows and railings	121	54
A. C. Cosseboom, repairing snow plows, wagons etc.	149	15
T. G. Sisson, pigs and blanket	11	75
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for bridge railings etc.	610	27
C. P. Washburn, grain and cement, etc.	759	74
Chas. Tribou, oil	7	10
Alex. Eaton, one new horse	300	00
A. J. Bailey, painting water carts	37	00
John C. Chace, freight, express etc.	62	85
W. S. Andrews & Son, rubber boots	43	75

Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. Co., insurance on roller	\$50 00	
F. N. Whitman, canvas for crusher	6 83	
Geo. R. Sampson, wood	35 21	
American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. crusher parts	96 00	
M. H. Cushing Co., hay, cement etc.	269 30	
Commercial Oil Co., oil	44 17	
Main Belting Co., one belt	9 00	
E. H. Cromwell, fixing wheel	1 00	
C. F. Anderson, kerosene	16 50	
T. F. McDonald, sharpening tools, etc.	11 99	
A. B. Black, scraper repairs	1 50	
Acme Road Co., new screens and repairs	233 30	
Clinton Oil Co., oils, grease, etc.	8 05	
J. & G. E. Doane, drain pipe, tools, etc.	210 23	
W. E. Cushman, use of land	25 00	
E. S. Ober, gravel	64 00	
C. F. Anderson, oil	5 50	
Bryant & Soule, coal	157 31	
John C. Chace, freight	19 25	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber	150 05	
Lorenzo Wood, printing	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,284 89
477 yards street crossings at 50 cents per yard charged to sidewalk acct. in 1907		238 50
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		\$6,523 39

ORDERS DRAWN FOR STONE.

James Cushman	\$224 04
W. E. Cushman	148 23
V. Ludden	14 45
John Lacombe	7 84
Rufus Carpenter	73 71
Horace Swift	4 80
John Caplass	6 27
G. R. Sampson	35 41
J. W. Perkins	50 45
Elmer Shaw	5 86
Alex. Eaton	102 44

Peter Boyer	\$155 46
Henry Shaw	23 82
John C. Chace	55 14
Henry Legee	8 70
Chester Caswell	6 75
E. S. Ober	27 67
Peter Boyer	375 00
Peter Bergen	259 57
Mrs. Ezra Morse	16 35
Ezra Morse	17 35
James Cushman	58 58
T. F. Cleverly	8 06
C. H. Shaw	13 25
L. W. Cobb	97 18
David Cunningham	107 41
Alex. Eaton	63 45
	<hr/> \$1,967 24

PAY ROLLS FOR DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.

Money expended during the year by the Supt. of Streets and the several assistants in their respective districts, including State roads, Supt.'s salary and all miscellaneous work as it appears in the report since Jan. 1, 1908, including work of Town teams in outside districts.

Pay rolls for village district	\$9,327 70
Pay rolls for State Highway, Murdock St.	3,646 34

Assistants:

A. R. Dunham	\$238 38
H. T. Clark	446 63
W. F. Clark	291 96
G. H. Thomas	63 35
D. G. Thomas	97 61
C. E. Pratt	160 14
S. L. Pratt	88 09
Foster Penniman	71 31
I. B. Thomas	92 70
M. P. Azevedo	102 58
Chas. H. Shaw	11 00
E. S. Ober	22 00
John Ryder	35 85

Dwight Kinsman	\$79 50	
Geo. H. Vaughn	90 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,891 92
Appropriations and receipts	\$23,183 54	
Expenditures	23,118 09	
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Balance	\$75 45	
Balance in Pine Street	11 70	
Balance in Street Sprinkling	43 54	
Balance in Grove St.	684 24	
Balance in Sidewalks	9 78	
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Total balance in Highway acct.		\$824 71

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$1,350 00
Expenditures:		
Outside districts	\$437 56	
Village districts	406 00	
	<hr/>	\$843 56
Balance figured in Highway Acct.		\$506 44

OUTSIDE DISTRICTS.

We have spent in the outside districts		
as per assistants' account	\$1,891 92	
Town team and men, including scraping	682 20	
Wood Street Bridge cost	621 51	
Cost of plank for covering Fall Brook		
Bridge	39 97	
Cost of plank for covering and labor		
Summer Street Bridge	36 75	
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Total expended in outside district, except macadam		\$3,235 60

TOWN STABLE ACCOUNT.

Total earnings	\$3,545 11
Pork sold	46 00

Horse sold	\$9 00	
8 tons hay on hand Jan. 1, 1909	160 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,760 11
Expenditures:		
Hay, grain, shoeing etc.	\$3,037 40	
New Watson wagon	137 08	
One new horse	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,474 48
Balance		<hr/> \$285 63

VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

500 tons crushed stone at Summer St.	\$500 00
Crusher plant at Town Barn	2,500 00
Steam roller	1,000 00
18 snow plows	350 00
14 street cranes	350 00
Town Stable and lot	2,750 00
One street sprinkling cart	325 00
One street sprinkling cart	200 00
One street sprinkling cart	75 00
2 sets platform scales	100 00
4 horses, 2 carts, 4 sets double harnesses	1,400 00
1 single tipcart and harness	40 00
1 spreading cart	200 00
1 two horse gear	125 00
1 two horse gear	75 00
3 road scrapers	300 00
1 tool cart	5 00
1 stone drag	15 00
2 Watson wagons	275 00
2 bob sleds	100 00
1 jobbing wagon	40 00
1 heavy harrow, plows, chains, ropes tools etc.	200 00
Building material	150 00
1 portable bin, screen, elevator etc	350 00
15 tons coal	67 50
500 tons stone at crusher	250 00
20 cords wood	45 00

Jan. 1, 1909. We have on hand 8 tons

No. 1 hay	\$160 00	
Land on Centre St., one lot	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,354 23

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT VALUATION.

Tar 19 bbls.	\$50 00	
Pitch 11 bbls.	35 00	
2 kettles	60 00	
2 rollers	45 00	
2 iron wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, pails, dippers, hoes etc.	15 00	
1 dryer	20 00	
Screenings	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$235 00
Total valuation		<hr/> \$17,589 23

STREET SPRINKLING.

Appropriations and receipts		\$1,337 64
Expenditures:		
Team work and labor	\$1,198 00	
Repairs to carts, cranes, etc.	96 10	
	<hr/>	[\$1,294 10
Balance is figured in Highway Acct.		<hr/> \$43 54

PINE STREET.

Balance 1907	[\$114 23	
Received from County Commissioners	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$514 23
Pay rolls		502 53
		<hr/> \$11 70
Balance		

GROVE STREET.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Pay rolls	315 76	
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Balance		\$684 24

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Balance 1907	9 90	
Error 1907	9 28	
	<hr/>	\$1,019 18
Pay rolls	\$715 64	
M. N. Cartier, screen	4 15	
M. N. Cartier, tar and pitch	285 56	
Freight	4 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,009 40
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Balance		\$9 78

FOR PEIRCE TRUSTEES.

This year we have built over two miles of macadam on Taunton St. which does not show in this account, only so far as Town horses' credit. Besides building this nice avenue to Lakeville line the Trustees have furnished nearly the whole Highway appropriation, saving to the tax payer over \$1.50 per M on his tax rate. Many will criticise, as is expected, but I find that those that criticise most least understand the situation. I heard a prominent man say who rides a great deal in this and other towns that we are fast becoming the banner town for good roads, and I would say right here that we may thank the Founders of the Peirce Estate and the courtesy of the Trustees in deflecting part of their revenue to our Highways.

We yet have many poor roads. A town with so many miles of roads where material for repairs is almost impossible to get, still has a serious problem confronting it, but with the strides made in the last few years we hope that soon all will be made comfortable.

STATE HIGHWAY.

We have built this year about a mile of State Highway on Murdock St., making nearly a continuous stretch of macadam from Bridgewater line to Rochester line, a distance of about fourteen miles.

TOWN MACADAM.

We have built a piece on Everett St. from Arch to Frank

Sts. and on Cambridge from line of Maxim's factory lot to Clara St., completing Cambridge St. as far as laid out.

Thanks to the assistants for interest shown in their several departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. CHACE, Supt. of Streets.

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Pay rolls	\$1,441 00	
J. & G. E. Doane, tools, paint, etc.	7 04	
Harold L. Bond, tools, burlap etc.	57 50	
Freight	66	
2 bicycles for turning burlaps	49 75	
F. N. Whitman	67	
Stamped envelopes	11 24	
Circulars	3 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,571 71
Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Balance 1907	18 20	
Tax	226 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,244 30
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Overdrawn Dec. 1, 1908		\$327 41

The colonies that were treated this year are nearly stamped out, finding very few nests after the season's work, but we have a large number of new colonies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. CHACE, Local Supt.

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Receipts:		
5 sewer permits at \$25	125 00	
Overdrawn 1907	47 23	
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Balance		\$77 77

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. CHACE, Supt. Sewers.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

From January 1, 1908, to January 1, 1909.

My work in spraying elm trees for the Elm Leaf Beetle was not as satisfactory as that of previous years owing to the large territory we had to cover. Spraying a few trees in different places and not taking all is a poor policy and ought not to be done.

However I did at the time the very best I could do with the small amount of money.

We sprayed 606 trees, besides other work that had to be done.

Received appropriation 1907		\$100 00
Received appropriation 1908		400 00
		<hr/> \$500 00
Paid Help	\$241 10	
H. W. Oliver	4 00	
J. C. Chase	14 50	
Friend Manufacturing Co.	5 22	
Bowker Insecticide Co.	42 00	
for hose	16 00	
J. & G. E. Doane	3 80	
Railroad fares	3 00	
freight	25	
for filing saws	1 90	
Tree Warden's pay 1907	25 00	
Tree Warden's pay 1908	75 00	
Overdrawn 1907	5 91	
Paid for horse hire	69 00	
	<hr/> \$506 68	
Overdrawn 1908		\$6 68
Valuation of property:		
Pump	\$25 00	
Ladder	\$10 00	
Saws, Clippers, Ropes	4 00	
Spurs	3 00	
	<hr/> \$42 00	

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. BAILEY, Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

MIDDLEBORO, MASS., Dec. 19, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the town of
Middleboro:—

I have this day finished my yearly inspection of cattle, goats, hogs, etc. in the town of Middleboro and find them all in a good and very healthy condition, not finding any contagious diseases whatever. The farmers' stock and sanitary conditions are very much improved from former inspections of the past three years.

Yours respectfully,

A. S. TALLMAN, V. S.

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Appropriation from Town	\$7200 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	287 02
Received from other Towns	1,239 12
Rec'd from sale of Farm Produce including about \$900.00 worth of milk	1,369 44

\$10,095 58

Paid Expenses of Town Farm	\$3,574 76
Salary of Supt. and Matron	537 50
Salary of Overseers of Poor	550 00
Salary of Town Physician	150 00
Outside Poor 26 families of 75 persons	2,242 90
Residing here, settlement elsewhere	
11 families of 43 persons	1,196 32
Residing elsewhere, settlement here	
16 families of 41 persons	704 28
School for Feeble-minded 2 persons	339 84
Hospital for Epileptics 3 persons	223 32

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Travelling expenses of the overseers out of Town at various times blanks, station- ery, postage etc.	\$53 29
New heater for Alms House	503 01
	\$10,075 22
Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1909	\$20 36

The Amount of Orders drawn \$10,075 22 during the past year includes \$1,096 20 of 1907 bills which came in during the year of which \$121 75 is chargeable to the Farm Acct. We have a balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1909 of \$20.86 nearly eleven hundred dollars of last years bills have been received thus far since closing the books for the year.

It may be noticed the Expense for the year is quite large owing to our being obliged to install an additional heater with some alterations in the old piping and one or two extra radiators in the Alms House, it being impossible to comfortably heat the building with the one Heater without keeping a man in the fire room most of the time day and night continually shovelling coal in very cold weather. We believe now with the present arrangement of heating, there will be no further trouble in keeping the building comfortably warm in any kind of winter weather.

Number of Inmates at Farm Jan. 1st, 1908	10
Number admitted during the year	6
Number discharged or removed during the year	3
Number died during the year	2
Number remaining Jan. 1st, 1909	11

VALUATION.

90 acre Farm and buildings	\$21,000 00
3 wood lots	\$950 00
Live stock including 2 horses and 12 cows	670 00
Hay and Produce	890 80
Furniture	910 00
Groceries	25 00
Implements and Tools	209 00
Wood, Coal, Lumber and Dressing	317 00
Wagons	247 00
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	\$25,218 80

The following is a partial list of produce raised at the Farm the past year a part of which has been sold and the remainder is being used at the farm:—

Hay 32 tons	Corn 310 bu.	Carrots 7 bu.
Corn fodder 6 tons	Potatoes 267 bu.	Beans 6 bu.
Rye straw 2 tons	Turnips 110 bu.	Peas 8 bu.

Oat straw 3 tons	Beets 7 bu.	Onions 15 bu.
Rowen 3 tons	Mangles 35 bu.	Rye 17 bu.
Apples 10 bbls.	Eggs 462 doz.	
Pumpkins, Squashes and Cabbages 2 tons		

During the early part of the past year the Board of Overseers who were serving the interests of the Town faithfully and to the best of their ability, was quite severely criticized by those, who probably did not realize the extent of their work and the time which they spend necessary to comply with state laws and determining of settlements etc. which often result in a great saving to the Town: which resulted in the losing of one member of the Board, whose experience was a severe loss to the Town and greatly felt by the remaining members of the Board, also the losing of one very efficient Warden and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, who after fourteen years of service had given general satisfaction.

The Board now found themselves confronted with the difficult problem of engaging a Warden and Matron in three days time who would prove themselves competent in every way to manage the farm and its inmates. They feel that they were particularly fortunate in their first choice of Mr. and Mrs. David Pushee, who having served in a similar capacity for a number of years, came with recommendations exceptionally good and thus far they have had no occasion to regret their choice, Mr. Pushee being an exceptionally good farmer and both he and his wife very kind to those in their care. There are people always ready to criticize and find fault, to those and all others we would extend a cordial invitation to visit your Town Farm and see for yourselves. Mr. and Mrs. Pushee are very glad to show our Townspeople over the Farm and the new Home at any time.

The Board also feel that they, as well as the Town are fortunate in having Mr. E. F. Witham to assist them in their work by his taking a place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. M. Wood, whose retirement from the position held by him so many years was greatly regretted. We would like to say right here that we do not believe our Townspeople in general, care to have their Officers assume the responsibility and work for little or nothing. Although there are probably some who would be willing they should, it is a noticeable fact that those who are willing others should labor for honor alone, want both honor and pecuniary compensation and a

good deal of it. By a vote of last year, we are to be somewhat handicapped the ensuing year in having a very small salary reduced nearly one half, although shall not let that stand in the way of service in the interest of the Town, preferring to receive pay in the consciousness of knowing that we are faithful to the trust reposed in us.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. KINGMAN,
CHARLES M. THATCHER,
EDWIN F. WITHAM.

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Following is a classified list of complaints received by the Board:

Rubbish	42
Overflowing cesspools	55
Defective drains	28
Unclean premises	18
Unclean cellars	14
Hog pens	11
Offensive privies	40

GUTTERS.

There has been no improvement in the care of gutters. The last year has been the worst year in this respect since I have been on the Board of Health. This, however, is no fault of the Supt. of Streets. The Town voted once that the Supt. of Streets should give his time to the streets and highways of this Town. Today he works for the State, the County and the Peirce Trustees, and if there is any time left he works for the Town. It would be well to go back and enforce that old vote. Were I Supt. of Streets and should get up in the morning and know that before night I should be called in three or four different directions to view new roads and the rest of the time here and there on the highways I should strike up that old hymn, "O' That I Had The Wings of a Dove".

BAKERIES.

Bakeries have been examined as required by law and found in a neat and clean condition.

THE PUBLIC DUMP.

The public dump, as I said one year ago, is still a bill of expense as the people dump everywhere except where they are ordered to.

SWILL.

Our swill remains the same as it was last year, in a chaotic state.

MILK.

Our milk has been inspected several times during the year and we say today that our milk is up to the standard required by law and neat and clean, that we have young men and new men in the business and in the case of scarlet fever we proved the fact that while it has been quite prevalent it has not come from the milk.

SPITTING.

There has been quite an improvement in the past year in the matter of spitting. I have had one young man in Court and made a lasting impression on the rest.

INSPECTION OF DRESSED BEEF.

During the year past I have examined 684 hogs and 52 beeves and condemned 8 cases.

HENS.

The keeping of hens in this village is still a nuisance. The Board of Health, a year ago, passed a law that no hens should be kept in the limits of this village except on the owners' premises and that no hen pens should be within ten feet of the street. We have wrestled the entire year with the subject and have endeavored to enforce it with moral suasion, but with no result. Had we employed a man all the time it could not be done. The coming season we shall resort to the law, and the people, if there is any law in the Commonwealth, will keep their hens at home.

PLUMBING.

We have done considerable new plumbing besides a large amount of repairing. The people that are not on the line of the sewer are more willing to take care of their houses and tenements than the people on the line of the sewer, and this Town should vote that all owners of property on the line of the sewer shall enter that sewer. We have a large amount of money buried up in the sewer and yet people do not use it as they said they should.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

We have had the last year 69 cases of contagious diseases; 45 cases of scarlet fever, 16 cases of tuberculosis, 3 cases of diphtheria, 5 cases of typhoid fever.

Our scarlet fever started with a school teacher who came to keep school in Nemasket. She undoubtedly brought the fever with her. The school was closed for two weeks. There was only one little boy who took the disease and he was a new scholar who was lonesome and the teacher had kept near her. We have had quite an epidemic which has made its appearance from time to time in different localities in the Town. We, as a Board, have consulted with the State Board and have come to the conclusion that it was caused by the dryness of the Fall and the autos which have ground our streets into worse than fine flour, and as we are told that microbes exist in everything they were blown about in that fine dust. We think if our watering carts had run during the month of October or rather during the dry spell in the Fall it would have been a source of comfort to the people and of less danger to the public. The expenses of scarlet fever have been nearly \$300.

JAMES A. BURGESS,
Agent.

EXPENSES FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Smith & Hathaway, disinfectants	\$3 15
O'Hara Bros., goods furnished	21 71
Dr. A. C. Wilbur, professional services	16 50
The DePree Chemical Co., fumigators	20 40
Dr. C. S. Cummings, professional services	59 50
Melvin & Badger, disinfectants	4 50
Board of Health, Fall River, expenses	27 26
Mrs. L. M. O'Neil, nurse	84 00
Hattie Carter, board	21 42
James A. Burgess, services	187 50
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	\$445 94

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

James A. Burgess, services 62½ days at \$3.00	\$187 50
A. J. Bailey, painting night soil cart	9 00
James A. Burgess, expenses	34 20

Austin Peters, stamp outfit	\$1 75
B. J. Allan, services	25 00
Mrs. S. H. Witbeck, clerical work	5 00
So. Mass. Telephone Co.	16 81
M. A. Jones, care of dump	30 00
T. G. Sisson, teaming	15 75
M. A. Jones, labor	15 00
Middleboro News, advertising	11 25
F. E. Miller, carting ashes	7 75
Lorenzo Wood, printing	15 00
T. W. Pierce, merchandise	4 45
Middleboro Highway Dept. repairs, Muttock dam	2 00
J. & G. E. Doane, ash barrels	7 00
Walter Blair, labor	1 80
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	\$389 26

PLUMBING.

Ansel G. Hayes, services and Inspector of Plumbing	\$56 25
James A. Burgess, services and expenses on Board of Plumbing	54 05
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing	11 50
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	\$121 80
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Total amount expended	\$957 00
Balance from last year	\$62 27
Appropriation	\$850 00
Licenses	46 00
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	\$958 27
Orders drawn	957 00
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Balance	\$1 27

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Night soil cart	\$100 00
Cart cleaning gutters	10 00
Formaldehyde and lamp	35 00
Iron barrels	9 00
Tools	3 00
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	\$157 00

LIST OF JURORS.

The selectmen propose the following persons to serve as jurors the ensuing year:

William F. Atwood.	Alvin C. Howes.
Luther S. Bailey.	Percy W. Keith.
Otis L. Barden.	Michael H. Kelley.
Walter L. Beals.	Thomas J. LeBaron.
John L. Benson.	Jesse W. Leonard.
Howard M. Bishop.	John L. Luippold.
Joshua K. Bishop.	Eugene H. McCarthy.
Edward H. Blake.	Thomas F. McDonald.
George F. Bryant.	Adam P. McKeen.
Charles E. Bump.	John L. Merrihew.
Marshall P. Burgess.	Andrew W. Miller.
Joseph Carver.	Albert F. Mitchell.
John M. Casey.	George H. Place.
Walter M. Chipman.	David G. Pratt.
Louis D. Churbuck.	Luther B. Pratt.
Abisha T. Clark.	James F. Roberts.
Charles F. Cole.	James H. Russell.
Edward H. Cromwell.	Clarence H. Ryder.
Elisha A. Cudworth.	John H. Ryder.
Albert Deane.	Truman C. Savery.
Leonidas Deane.	Benjamin C. Shaw.
Eugene L. Dunham.	Harrison F. Shurtleff.
Lucius M. Fuller.	Walter H. Smith.
Morton L. Gammons.	Walter M. Snow.
William A. Greene.	Charles H. Soule.
Bradford Harlow.	Edwin E. Soule.
Wadsworth H. Harvey.	Orlando Soule.
William M. Haskins.	Frank M. Stickney.

Myron R. Sturgiss.

John J. Sullivan.

David S. Surrey.

Charles W. Swett.

Charles M. Thatcher.

Alfred E. Thomas.

Charles H. Thomas.

Frank S. Thomas.

Ichabod B. Thomas.

James A. Thomas.

Lazell E. Thomas.

William H. Thomas.

Allerton Thompson.

Asaph F. Washburn.

Albert T. Westgate.

Seneca T. Weston.

John H. Wheeler.

George H. Wilbur.

Edward C. Wood.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Warrant for the annual meeting of the Town of Middleborough,
Massachusetts, held in Town Hall, Monday, March 2, 1908.

Plymouth S. S.

To David S. Surrey or either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough:

Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall of said town on Monday, March 2nd, 1908, at 8 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, viz:—

Article I. To choose all necessary town officers, the following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz;—one moderator for one year, one treasurer, one Collector of taxes, eight constables, three fish wardens, one auditor, three fence viewers, and one tree warden, all for one year each, one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three trustees of the Public Library, two members of the school committee, one member of the Municipal Light Board, and one member of the Board of Health, all for three years. The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half past eleven o'clock A. M. and will not be closed before half past three o'clock P. M.

Article II. To vote by ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article III. To raise such sums of money, by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the current year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

Article IV. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1st, 1908, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary

for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefore, payable within one year from the dates thereof, all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article V. To hear the report of any committees, or officers of the town, to appoint any committees, and act thereon.

Article VI. To allow accounts against the town, and act thereon.

Article VII. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

Article VIII. To dispose of the money received for dog licenses, and other licenses the present year, and act thereon.

Article IX. To see if the town will pay the expense of a night watch in the Four Corners, and act thereon.

Article X. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8 G. A. R. on Memorial Day, and act thereon.

Article XI. To see what salary the town will vote to pay the school committee, the members of the Municipal Light Board, the Tree Warden, and the Auditor for their services the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article XII. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets, and act thereon.

Article XIII. To see what action the town will take in relation to concrete or other sidewalks, appropriate any money for the same, and act thereon.

Article XIV. To see what action the town will take in regard to disposing of its rights to take alewives for one year or a term of years, and act thereon.

Article XV. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as posted by the selectmen, and act thereon.

Article XVI. To appoint a committee on appropriations and act thereon.

Article XVII. To see if the town will vote to instruct its selectmen to assess an annual rental for the use of sewers, and act thereon.

Article XVIII. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to institute, defend or compromise suits for or against the town during the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article XIX. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Overseers of the Poor to establish a piggery, and collect the

swill in this village, and act anything thereon. (By request of the Board of Health)

Article XX. To see if the town will vote to re-imburse Josiah T. Carver, the sum of \$120.00 for his defense in an action at law brought against him while he was police officer of the town of Middleborough, and act thereon. (By request).

Article XXI. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the payment of one or more school physicians, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, and act thereon.

Article XXII. To see if the town will elect a committee for the suppression of crime, appropriate money for the same, and act thereon.

Article XXIII. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of assessors, and act thereon. (By request).

Article XXIV. To see if the town will vote to amend Article 2 of the By Laws of the town, so that said article shall plainly designate the time of posting printed notices for a town meeting, and act thereon. (By request.)

Article XXV. To see if the town will vote that when the town adopts the recommendations of Committees calling for the appropriation of money, the report of the committee containing such recommendations shall be copied upon the records of the meeting at which such recommendations are adopted, and act thereon. (By request).

Article XXVI. To see if the town will vote to dispose of the whole or any part of its Electric Light and Gas Plant, and act thereon. (By request).

Article XXVII. To see if the town will vote to lay new gas mains of suitable size, and act thereon. (By request).

Article XXVIII. To see if the town will vote to adopt a curfew law for the Four Corners village, and act anything thereon. (By request.)

Article XXIX. To see if the town will vote to observe "Old Home Week" in the year 1908, and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to carry on the same, choose the necessary committees, and act anything thereon.

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by causing it to be published in the Middleboro Gazette, and the Middleboro News, seven days at least before the time herein specified for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middleborough, this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1908.

WILLIAM M. HASKINS,
C. H. LEONARD,
LYMAN P. THOMAS.

Selectmen of Middleborough.

Plymouth S. S.

Pursuant to the instructions contained in the above warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote, as expressed in said warrant, to meet at the time and place, for the purpose specified.

DAVID S. SURREY, Constable.
Middleborough, Massachusetts, A. D. 1908.

Annual Town Meeting March 2, 1908.

The meeting was called to order at 8 A. M. by the Moderator. The Clerk read the warrant, omitting the articles after the first.

On motion to take up Article 17 the vote was yes 26, no 4.

Voted:—To indefinitely postpone any action under Art. 17.

Voted:—That the polls be not closed before 5.30 p. m.

Voted:—To take from the list of jurors as posted by the Selectmen the name of William R. Farrington, of David G. Pratt, and of Charles O. Breach. Voted not to remove the name of J. Herbert Cushing. Voted to add the name of Allerton Thompson. Voted to remove the name of Herbert W. Cornish. Voted to accept the list as amended.

Voted:—That George W. Stetson, Granville E. Tillson, Chester E. Weston, Augustus Pratt, and Amos H. Eaton be appointed a Committee on Appropriations, with authority to choose the sixth member.

Voted:—To refer the whole matter of the sale of the alewives to the Selectmen.

Voted:—That the establishment or not of a piggery at the Town Farm be left to a committee of three; viz:—The Chairman of the Board of Health, the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and the Chairman of the Selectmen, who shall report at the next meeting.

Voted:—To authorize the Selectmen to institute, defend, or compromise suits for or against the town during the ensuing year, also that Lyman P. Thomas be authorized to act with the Selectmen in the Quirk case.

Voted:—That the Moderator appoint a committee of three who shall nominate a Committee of three for the Suppression of Crime. The Moderator appointed M. H. Cushing, Geo. W. Stetson and Augustus Pratt. This Committee nominated D. S. Surrey, Kenelm Winslow, and Herbert S. Sylvester. The report of the Committee was accepted and their nominees were elected.

Voted:—To appropriate \$1000 for the Suppression of Crime and that the money be paid on the order of the Selectmen.

Voted:—That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to amend Article 2 of the By-Laws and report at the adjourned meeting.

Voted:—That \$200 be appropriated for the use of Post 8 G. A. R. on Memorial Day, the same to be paid to the Quarter Master of the Post.

A motion to indefinitely postpone Article 26 was lost.

Voted:—That the Moderator appoint a Committee of five to consider the advisability of disposing of the whole or any part of the Electric or Gas Plant.

The Moderator nominated the following Committee:—

Dennis D. Sullivan,	William A. Andrews,
A. M. Bearse,	Cornelius H. Leonard,
George F. Bryant.	

who are to report at the adjourned meeting.

Voted:—To accept the report of the Committee to build the School Street School House.

Voted:—To adopt the following resolutions:—

Believing that well performed service in behalf of the Town should receive, at least, an expression of appreciation be it

Resolved—That we, the citizens of Middleboro, in Town Meeting assembled, do hereby express to the following named gentlemen, Hon. David G. Pratt, William M. Haskins and William A. Andrews, a committee having in charge the construction and equipment of the School Building located on School Street, our earnest appreciation of the very able and efficient manner in which they have performed the duties entrusted to them.

Resolved—That we commend the wisdom and judgment shown by them in the convenient and substantial building provided and the business methods exercised in carrying on the work.

Resolved—That these resolutions be spread upon the

records of the town and a copy be sent to each of the above named gentlemen.

Voted:—To direct each department to have copy for the Annual Report in the hands of the Auditor as early as Feb. 1.

Voted:—To refer the matter of new gas mains to the Committee appointed under Article 26.

Voted:—That the money now in the hands of the Treasurer (\$1,358.99) as the proceeds of dog licenses for 1907, and the proceeds of all other licenses received in 1908, except those belonging specifically to some other department be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

The following report was read, accepted and adopted:—

REPORT ON SALARIES.

At the Annual Town Meeting in March 1907 the Committee on Appropriations were instructed to consider the matter of revising and equalizing salaries of the various town officers and report at the next Annual Meeting.

Your Committee have considered the matter and have heard the views presented by some of the departments concerned and are now prepared to make recommendations in this line. The report is unanimous except as to the salaries of the Electric Light Board, there being a minority of the Committee in favor of recommending a larger compensation in this case, with the idea that one member of the Board would receive the greater portion of it and would have regular office hours and give a large part of his time to the affairs of the department.

We recommend that the following salaries be adopted to take effect on Jan. 1, 1909:—

Town Clerk \$200, Town Treasurer \$500, Collector of Taxes \$800; when the above named three offices are filled by the same person, we recommend that the total salary be \$1200.

We recommend that the expense of the bond for the three officers named, amounting at present to about \$100 per annum, be paid from the amount appropriated for Incidentals.

Board of Selectmen:—Chairman \$400, other two members \$200 each, Board of Assessors \$3.00 per day each for actual time given to work. Auditor—We recommend a salary of \$200 per annum, together with instructions that a trial balance be made at least once in three months. Overseers of the Poor: We recommend a salary of \$300 per annum for the entire Board to be assigned as they may determine.

School Committee:—We recommend a total salary of \$150.

Municipal Light Board:—We recommend a total salary of \$300.

Tree Warden:— We recommend a salary of \$75 to be taken from the money appropriated each year for this department.

In addition to the above salaries of Town Officers, we recommend the employment of a Stenographer and book-keeper at a salary not to exceed \$450 per annum, said assistant to be at the disposal of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, and Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, at their offices at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. STETSON,
GRANVILLE E. TILLSON,
CHESTER E. WESTON,
AUGUSTUS PRATT,
AMOS H. EATON.

Committee.

Voted:—That action under Article 23 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted:—That the reports of all Committees containing a recommendation for the appropriation of money, if adopted, shall be copied upon the record of the meeting at which such report was adopted.

Voted:—To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1st, 1908 in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, a sum not exceeding \$55,000, giving the notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof, all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted:—That a committee of five be appointed to consider the desirability of a Curfew law and report at the adjourned meeting.

The Committee:—

M. H. Cushing,
Wm. A. Greene,

Henry D. Smith,
David G. Pratt,
James A. Thomas.

Voted:—That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Moderator to consider the feasibility of holding an Old Home

Week in Middleboro in the summer of 1909, to report at a future town meeting for action by the Town.

Committee:—

C. F. David,	A. M. Bearse,
Henry S. Drake,	Lorenzo Wood,
Walter Sampson,	Chester E. Weston,
Augustus Pratt.	

Voted:—To pay the following salaries:—

School Committee \$150, Tree Warden \$75, Auditor \$200.

Voted:—To appropriate for the use of the Tree Warden \$200.

Voted:—That when we adjourn it be till March 25 at 7 P. M.

Voted:—To lay a motion under Article 9 on the table till the adjourned meeting.

Voted:—To appropriate for sprinkling the streets the sum of \$1200, \$600 to be assessed in the tax and \$600 to be assessed upon abutters.

At 11.15 business was suspended to prepare for balloting.

The following named persons were sworn as Election Officers: Charles M. Thatcher, Chester E. Weston, Walter M. Snow, Walter L. Beals, E. T. Pierce Jenks, Edward H. Blake, Henry W. Sears, Charles W. Kingman, Zenas E. Phinney, Michael J. Cronan, George F. Bryant, George H. Keedwell, William A. Greene, John L. Luippold, John L. Rogers, Henry B. Schlueter, Luke F. Kelley, James A. Thomas, William S. Anderson.

The penalties and directions and specimen ballots were posted. The Clerk delivered to the Moderator 2100 full ballots and 176 special ballots. The Moderator delivered the same to the Ballot Clerk. The ballot box was shown to be empty, and at 11.30 the Moderator declared the polls open for voting.

During the day the ballot box was opened several times and ballots taken out.

At 5.30, no one appearing to vote, the polls were closed.

The Ballot box showed a tally of 1067.

The ballots used counted	1022
The Ballots destroyed counted	1
The ballots unused counted	1077
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Total	2100
Both check lists showed 1022 names checked.	
Partial ballots unused counted	140
Partial ballots used counted	36
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Total	176

The two check lists showed female voter's names checked to be 36.

At 8.30 the result of the balloting was read and the Moderator declared those elected whose names are marked below thus*

Result of the Balloting.

FOR MODERATOR.

*Alvin C. Howes had	526
Warren B. Stetson had	337

FOR TREASURER.

*Amos H. Eaton had	691
Sylvester H. Keith had	264
Scattering	1

FOR COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

*Amos H. Eaton had	679
Sylvester H. Keith had	265
Scattering	1

FOR SELECTMAN.

*Charles N. Atwood had	525
William L. Faxon had	216
Thomas F. McDonald had	175
Scattering	3

FOR ASSESSOR.

*Albert T. Savery had	629
Walter A. Shaw had	230
Scattering	5

FOR OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

George A. Richards had	248
*Andrew M. Wood had	623
Scattering	1

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*Susan L. Cushman had	574
James P. Leahy had	220
Arthur E. Shaw had	230
*Warren H. Southworth had	490
Theodore N. Wood had	232

FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

Charles F. David had	321
Thomas S. Hodgson had	244
*Lyman P. Thomas had	352

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH.

*Bert J. Allan had	656
Scattering	3

FOR AUDITOR.

Percy W. Keith had	733
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FOR TREE WARDEN.

*Luther S. Bailey	714
Scattering	2

FOR FISH WARDENS.

*William M. Haskins had	644
*Cornelius H. Leonard had	669
*Lyman P. Thomas had	646
Scattering	15

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

*Louis Ritter had	410
*Rufus Carpenter had	3
*Benjamin C. Shaw	3
Scattering	42

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Walter Sampson had	691
*Warren H. Southworth	634
*Nathan Washburn	631
Scattering	3

FOR CONSTABLES.

F. Herbert Batchelder had	587
William Chamberlain had	359
Samuel S. Lovell had	451
John M. Luippold had	461
William McAllister had	283
Albion W. Merritt had	294
John W. Moody had	278
Ernest M. O'Toole had	317
Walter A. Shaw had	260
Fred C. Sparrow had	470
David S. Surrey had	503
Harry W. Swift had	458
Fred A. Thomas had	435
Ichabod B. Thomas	521
Scattering	9

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Yes	334
No	595

Harry W. Swift, Fred A. Thomas, Samuel S. Lovell, F. Herbert Batchelder, and John M. Liuppold were sworn as Constables by the Town Clerk.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned till March 25 at 7 o'clock.

AMOS H. EATON, Town Clerk.

March 25 Annual Town Meeting Adjourned.

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by the Moderator.

Voted:—To reimburse Josiah T. Carver the sum of \$120 for his defense in an action at law brought against him while he was police officer of the town of Middleboro.

Voted:—That \$120 be appropriated for the above purpose.

The Committee on establishing a piggery at the Town Farm recommend that the Town take no action either to establish a piggery or to collect swill.

The report was accepted.

Voted—To appropriate for Support of Schools

for current expenses and Supt.'s salary	\$28,514 00
for Transportation of pupils	1,750 00
for School House Repairs	1,000 00
for School Committee salary	150 00
for Soldiers' Relief	3,500 00
for Military Aid	200 00
for Incidentals	3,000 00
for Water Supply	1,500 00
for Town Debt	8,900 00
for Interest	3,500 00
for Board of Health and the Inspection of Plumbing	850 00
for Town House Committee	500 00
for Post 8 G. A. R.	200 00
for Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	1,000 00
for Town Officers	2,600 00
for Overseers of Poor	7,200 00

HIGHWAYS.

for Supt.'s salary and Clerical expenses	\$1,150 00
for clearing snow and general expenses	1,350 00
Grove Street	1,000 00

Police	\$250 00
Night Watch	725 00

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby \$200 was appropriated for the use of the Tree Warden was lost.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting read the following report which was accepted:—

Your Committee respectfully report that after careful investigation they are convinced that a Curfew Law, if properly set in operation, would prove beneficial to the good morals of the town.

It is our opinion, however, that it is not practical to adopt such a regulation until such a time as the town shall have a recognized head to a police force. We, therefore, deem it inexpedient to adopt a Curfew Law at this time.

Signed,

MATTHEW H. CUSHING,
JAMES A. THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. GREEN,
HENRY W. SEARS,
HENRY D. SMITH.

The Committee appointed under Article 26 by the Chairman, D. D. Sullivan, reported progress and asked for further time and instructions as to employing expert assistance.

Voted:—That the Committee be authorized to employ such expert assistance as they may deem necessary and that we appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300 for their use.

Voted:—That when we adjourn it be until Wednesday, April 29 at 7 P. M.

A motion that the “Moderator appoint a Committee of five men who shall investigate the different methods employed in the manufacture and distribution of gas and report to the Town at the next adjourned meeting what, in their opinion, is necessary to be done to enable the Town to manufacture and distribute gas in the most advantageous way” was lost.

Voted:—That under Chapter 475 Sec. 2 of the Acts of 1907 this Town vote that hereafter the Engineers of the Fire Department in the Town shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of Forest Wardens, with respect to forest fires.

Voted:—That no fire be set in the Town between April 1 and October 1, except by the written consent of the Forest Warden.

A motion to make an appropriation for the Municipal Light Plant was laid on the table.

At 10 P. M. the meeting was adjourned.

AMOS H. EATON,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, April 29.

The meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by the Moderator.

Voted:—To appropriate \$1,000 00 for improving and building sidewalks.

Chose as Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark:—

John L. Benson,	Charles A. Lee,
Ephraim H. Gammons,	George H. Vaughan
Isaac E. Perkins,	Edwin F. Witham,
Albert F. Mitchell,	Henry W. Sears,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Chester E. Weston,
James A. Thomas,	George E. Gove,
Albert S. Sparrow,	Curtis H. Dunham,
Elmer B. Cole,	Gustavus G. Andrews,
Benjamin C. Shaw,	Nathaniel A. Shurtleff,
Charles N. Atwood,	Albert T. Savery,
Joshua K. Bishop.	

Chose as Field Drivers and Pound Keepers.

James A. Burgess,	J. Herbert Cushing,
James A. Thomas,	Howard M. Bishop.

The report of the Committee on the sale of the Electric Light and Gas Plant was read by Mr. Bearse.

Voted:—To accept the Report as a report of progress, and that the services of the Committee be continued.

THE REPORT.

As a Committee appointed to consider the advisability of selling all or any part of the Municipal Lighting Plant, owned by the Town, we find, as has been stated at a previous meeting, that it is a subject of much magnitude and importance, and to be able to give a decisive report would take more time for its consideration than we have had. There are matters which we regard as of much importance that need to be carefully considered before we, as a Committee, could feel justified in absolutely recommending that the Town vote to sell, or that it does not so vote.

Under conditions that exist we feel that a sufficient time should be taken to work out the problem in a way that would seem to be for the best interest of the Town as a municipality, and for the citizens individually. We have, therefore, thought best to submit a report of progress, making such recommendations as will, in our opinion, be for general benefit, looking to the continuance of the business for the current year, or until such time within the year, as may seem necessary to make a special or more definite report.

In the consideration of this subject thus far, we have had one conference with Mr. Barker, Chairman of the Gas and Electric Light Commission of the Commonwealth. We have had Mr. Coleman of the Taunton Electric Plant (Municipal) make a general inspection of our plant, and also Mr. F. P. Royce of the Springfield, Haverhill, Malden and Melrose Plants (not Municipal), some of which are electric only and some both gas and electric, and from each of these gentlemen we have obtained more or less information that we consider of value.

From our investigations, we are agreed that the Town should either keep both the Gas and Electric Plants or sell both, for the reason that in a Town the size of ours the volume of business is none too large if both are controlled and operated by the same parties, and if one was sold and the other left, the interest would be conflicting and be a disadvantage to the Town.

From careful research we are convinced that the Town has spent a large sum of money for the street lighting in the past fifteen years, much more than should have been paid if the light had been bought outright, and we are further of the opinion that in order to continue the business as a municipality, and get our street lighting as low as it can be bought of a Company, as well as to furnish light to individuals on a like basis, there must be a much larger volume of business done, particularly is this true of the gas output. This, we find, would necessitate the further outlay of a large sum of money, and it is in this connection that we feel it is for the Town to decide whether it will pursue this course, or whether it would think best, if an opportunity could be found by which it could dispose of its holdings for a sum nearly sufficient to extinguish its lighting indebtedness to a solid and reliable company, that it purchase its street lighting for a stated price, under a long term contract.

Among the matters which we have considered as having a bearing on the main question are the following:—

First:—We do not favor making the advance in price of gas this year as has been suggested, for the reason that we think such a price as that named is a hardship to the consumer, would make the use almost prohibitive, and would not benefit the Town in the end.

Second:—We believe that sufficient power should be furnished at the Electric Station to operate the same without making it necessary to raise the water to such a height as to damage the property of owners along the banks of the river, and in this connection we recommend that the Town pass a vote instructing its Light Commissioners not to allow the water in the river at the Electric Station to reach a level above what has been determined as “high water mark,” unless in case of a freshet, or other unavoidable cause, when action shall be taken at once to reduce it to the above named level.

Third:—In order that the Electric Plant may be more efficiently operated, Messrs. Coleman and Royce recommend the installation of a new 60 cycle generator, of a size somewhat larger than the one now in use.

Fourth:—We recommend that a separate account be kept of the actual operating and construction expenditures for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. SULLIVAN,	}	Committee.
W. A. ANDREWS,		
C. H. LEONARD,		
G. F. BRYANT,		
A. M. BEARSE.		

The Committee on changing the By-Laws reported and their report was adopted. The report follows:—

The Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting under Article 24 of the warrant, respectfully report as follows:—We recommend that the Town vote to amend Article 2 of the By-Laws of the Town by inserting the following words, “seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting”, so that Article 2 will then read as follows:—

2. “Every town meeting shall be notified by publishing a notice of the same in some newspaper published in Middleboro, seven days at least before the time appointed for said

meeting, or by posting printed notices of said meeting, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting, in at least ten public places in the town which places shall include the Center, North Middleboro, South Middleboro, Rock, East Middleboro, and the Green. The notification shall in all cases contain an enumeration of all subjects specified in the warrant.

HENRY D. SMITH,
D. D. SULLIVAN,
CHESTER E. WESTON.

Middleboro, Mass., March 25, 1908.

Voted:—The following appropriations for the Gas & Electric Plant (Appropriations in form required by Acts of 1905)

Estimated operating expenses of 1908	\$15,800 00
Interest required	2,783 66
Bonds due	2,000 00
Depreciation of 4% cost of plant	5,637 10

Total	\$26,220 76
Less estimated income	19,220 76

Balance	\$7,000 00
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Voted:—That when we adjourn it be to June 1, 1908 at 7.30 P. M.

Voted:—To appropriate for suburban lighting	\$300 00
for Commissioners' salaries	150 00

Voted:—That the Committee considering the sale of the Municipal Lighting Plant be requested to present their report in print at the next meeting.

Voted:—To raise \$73,859, and such other sums as may be necessary to pay the State and County Taxes, upon the polls and estates, assess, commit and collect the same in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Adjourned,

AMOS H. EATON,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting June 1, 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, at 7.30 P. M.

Voted:—To appropriate \$200 to be used in spraying trees to prevent the Elm Leaf Beetle in various parts of the town

and for the Gypsy Moth on the trees on the Lincoln Estate on Wareham Street and the property No. 82 Oak St.

Voted:—That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint all Town Officers not chosen by the Town in Town Meeting.

Voted:—That when we adjourn it be for two weeks from this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of the advisability of selling the Lighting Plant made the following report:—

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleboro:—

Following the partial report made by your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of selling any part or all of the Gas & Electric Plant now owned by the Town, we submit the following as our Report:—

At the time of the last meeting we had assurance of obtaining an offer from a reputable firm for the purchase of the plant at a price so attractive that it was favorably looked upon by your Committee. The amount would be nearly sufficient, if not quite, to cancel the present lighting indebtedness of the town. We were quite unanimous in the opinion, that if this could be done, and a satisfactory contract for street lighting be obtained for a long term of years, that it might be as well to relieve the town of so much of its already large indebtedness. Inasmuch as we have been unable to obtain a satisfactory offer from the party above alluded to, we are of the opinion it would be better policy for the town to retain the whole plant (gas and electric). Experts agree that there are possibilities in the gas business of municipal ownership in Middleboro, provided a commission of competent men for a long term of years be chosen, and that commission must see that good executive ability is used and have expenditures of all appropriations approved by a competent engineer, and the operation supervised by some one who is qualified.

Mr. J. E. Philbrick, of the Brockton Gas Light Co., an expert employed by your Committee states in his report the cost (1) Considering the question of repairing present gas plant and installing new proper machinery for manufacturing coal gas \$30,400, also water gas \$32,650, (2) cost of locating either plant close to site of Electric Light Station and cost of same, coal gas \$40,400 and water gas \$40,650; (3) cost of coal gas distributed from present location, allowing 10 per cent for municipal operating \$1.30 per M; (4) cost of water gas distributed from present location \$1.10 per M; Either

coal or water gas made at a plant near electric light station would cost 5 cents more on account of carting coal and oil, making price of distribution practically \$1.40 for coal gas and \$1.15 for water gas per M. But it is a question whether it is not offset by other advantages gained in economical operation and having a supply of gas on hand in case the gas producers at electric station are out of commission. All experts recommend water gas for Middleboro; (5) cost of piping the town and repairing approximately \$18,115; meters and services \$8,800, total \$26,915. For a water gas plant on land near electric station our expert claims gas could be sold at \$2.50 per M. at a profit, with the present number of consumers at the end of the first year of operation; and with increased consumption the price could be lowered to \$1.75 per M.

We are informed that the trustees of the Thomas S. Peirce Estate were willing to consider the question of rehabilitating the gas plant, and as no offer has been received which your Committee felt they would be justified in recommending to sell, we herewith recommend that a Committee be appointed by the Moderator to wait upon the Trustees of the T. S. Peirce Estate and ascertain what arrangements can be made to carry out this recommendation and that they report at an adjourned meeting to be held in two weeks.

We also recommend that the proposition to be made by said Trustees be published in the two local papers at least one week before the meeting.

Referring to the Electric Plant, it is the opinion of experts that with a few necessary additions it will be possible to operate the plant at a profit, or at least, it will be self sustaining, provided that the Commissioners see that good executive ability is employed for the management, and that the operation of the plant and the business therewith be supervised by one well qualified.

D. D. SULLIVAN,
C. H. LEONARD,
G. F. BRYANT,
W. A. ANDREWS,
A. M. BEARSE.

Committee.

Voted:—To accept the report of the Committee.

Voted:—That the Committee mentioned in the report consist of three members.

Voted:—That the thanks of the meeting be extended to

Elisha T. Jenks, Carlton W. Maxim, George A. Philbrick, and Amos H. Eaton, the Committee on improving the Electric Light Plant for the able and disinterested way in which they have discharged their duties.

The Moderator appointed

Lyman P. Thomas, David G. Pratt,
George E. Doane,

as the Committee. Mr. Pratt declined to serve and Henry D. Smith was appointed in his place.

The meeting adjourned.

AMOS H. EATON,
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, June 15.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 P. M. by the Moderator.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting made the following Report:—

To the Citizens of Middleboro,

Your Committee appointed at the last adjourned Town meeting to confer with the Peirce Trustees relative to rehabilitating the municipal gas plant, respectfully report that, owing to existing conditions, the Trustees are unwilling to make any proposition calling for the expenditure of the trust funds for that purpose.

L. P. THOMAS,
C. H. LEONARD,
H. D. SMITH.

Committee.

Voted:—To accept the Report.

The following motion was made, viz:—

That the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated for the purpose of making the necessary changes in our gas plant, in order to manufacture water gas and for laying a new gas main from the holder to the Four Corners; that the expenditure of said sum for the purposes above mentioned be intrusted to the Board of Electric Light Commissioners; that this money be raised by the sale of ten notes of \$2500 each, payable annually, beginning Nov. 1, 1909, signed by the Town Treasurer after approval by the Selectmen, but that the notes shall not be raised nor construction begun until the said Commissioners

have assurances that all the work embraced in this motion can be done for the amount of money herein mentioned.

Voted:—That the above motion be postponed until the next Annual Town Meeting.

A motion to appropriate \$3000 to lay a gas main of suitable size on Center Street was lost.

Voted:—To adjourn.

AMOS H. EATON, Clerk.

ELECTION NOV. 3, 1908.

At the election the following is the record of Precinct 1.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Enoch Pratt, Warden.
 Edward B. Whitmarsh, Deputy Warden.
 Percy W. Keith, Clerk and Teller.
 Bert J. Allan, Deputy clerk and Teller.
 Herbert A. Pratt, Inspector and Teller.
 Benjamin E. Holmes, Deputy Inspector and Teller.
 M. V. B. Pratt, Inspector and Teller.
 Thomas J. Pratt, Deputy Inspector and Teller.
 Josiah T. Carver, Officer.
 Ballots cast, 81.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Bryan & Kern, Democrat	4
Chapin & Watkins, Prohibition	none
Debs & Hanford, Socialist	2
Taft & Sherman, Republican	69

FOR GOVERNOR.

James F. Carey	2
Eben S. Draper	64
Walter J. Howe	1
William N. Osgood	2
James H. Vahey	5
Willard O. Wylie	3

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Charles J. Barton	4
Joao Claudino	none
Louis A. Frothingham	68
John Hall, Jr.	1
Robert J. McCartney	2

FOR SECRETARY.

James F. Aylward	2
Herbert B. Griffin	none
William M. Olin	68
Squire E. Putney	3
John F. Williams	1

FOR TREASURER.

Charles E. Butterworth	3
Arthur B. Chapin	67
Charles C. Hitchcock	2
Erwin H. Kennedy	1

FOR AUDITOR.

John E. Dempsey	2
George G. Hall	2
Henry E. Turner	63
Simeon Viger	2

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean	none
Dana Malone	60
John McCarty	2
Richard J. Talbot	2
John Alden Thayer	40

CONGRESSMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

George J. Alcott	3
Charles B. Drew	3
William C. Lovering	66
Eliot L. Packard	4

COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.

George A. Beedem	2
Charles O. Brightman	61
Edward J. Cantwell	2
George L. Oliver	4

SENATOR, SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Joseph M. Coldwell	2
Edward Gilmore	5
Roland M. Keith	70

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT,
7th PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

George E. Doane	56
George Fox Tucker	19

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PLYMOUTH.

Edward C. Cole	2
Jere B. Howard	66
Nathaniel Morton	7

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Herbert N. Alden	1
Sumner A. Chapman	66
Chester W. Ford	5
Edward F. Hall	1

Precinct Two.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

George F. Bryant, Warden.
 Chester E. Weston, Deputy Warden and Teller.
 Walter L. Beals, Clerk.
 E. F. Witham, Deputy Clerk.
 W. M. Haskins, Inspector.
 Edgar D. Wood, Inspector.
 Elisha T. P. Jencks, Deputy Inspector.
 Walter M. Snow, Deputy Inspector.
 James F. Roberts, Officer.
 Michael J. Cronan, Teller and Inspector.
 Zenas E. Phinney, Teller.
 Henry W. Sears, Teller.
 Charles W. Kingman, Teller.
 Ballots cast, 1045.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Bryan & Kern	208
Chapin & Watkins	21
Debs & Hanford	10
Gillhaus & Monro	1
Hisgen & Graves	59
Taft & Sherman	711

FOR GOVERNOR.

James F. Carey	13
Eben S. Draper	569
Walter J. Hoar	4
William N. Osgood	83
James H. Vahey	262
Willard O. Wiley	24

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Charles J. Barton	202
Joao Claudino	4
Louis A. Frothingham	603
John Hall, Jr.	13
Robert J. McCartney	73
Frank N. Rand	25

FOR SECRETARY.

James F. Aylward	148
Herbert B. Griffin	25
George Nelson	6
William N. Olin	625
Squire E. Putney	10
John F. Williams	57

FOR TREASURER.

Charles E. Butterworth	55
Arthur B. Chapin	614
Harvey C. Hess	4
Charles C. Hitchcock	13
Edward Kendall	24
Erwin H. Kennedy	144

FOR AUDITOR.

Frank Bombach	2
John E. Dempsey	55
George G. Hall	12
Wilbur D. Moon	31
Henry E. Turner	597
Simeon Viger	133

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean	28
Elliot C. Harding	5
Dana Malone	581
John McCarty	14
Richard J. Talbot	59
John Alden Thayer	158

FOR CONGRESSMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

George J. Alcott	22
Charles B. Drew	60
William C. Lovering	628
Eliot L. Packard	175
A. M. Bearse	1

FOR COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.

George A. Beedem	18
Charles O. Brightman	604
Edward J. Cantwell	58
George L. Oliver	159

FOR SENATOR, SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Joseph M. Coldwell	20
Edward Gilmore	255
Roland M. Keith	623

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT,
SEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

George E. Doane	463
George Fox Tucker	491
Scattering	5

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PLYMOUTH.

Edward C. Cole	30
Jere. B. Howard	632
Nathaniel Morton	184

FOR REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY,
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Herbert N. Alden	20
Sumner A. Chapman	605
Chester W. Ford	155
Edward F. Hall	64

Meeting adjourned at 4.35 P. M.

Result of canvas by Town Clerks of the vote cast in the District for Representative.

	Total.	Doane.	Tucker.	Blanks.	Scattering.
Middleboro	1126	519	510	92	5
Kingston	333	203	63	67	
Halifax	79	51	13	15	
Plympton	86	59	17	10	
	<hr/> 1624	<hr/> 832	<hr/> 603	<hr/> 184	<hr/> 5

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO
DURING THE YEAR 1908.

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
1906		
Aug. 7	Florence Evelyn White	Alton W. and Clara M. Wood
1907		
May 17	Bertha Augusta Brigham	Oliver H. H. and G. F. Rogers
1908		
Jan. 2	Louise Mabel Robbins	George A. and Mabel Arey
7	—————O'Neil	Daniel and Delia Higgins
9	Illegitimate	
10	Ethel Victoria Lindvall	Chas. T. and Annie W. Anglin
13	William Monyhan	Wm. S. and Elsie M. Valade
17	Walter Elwin Weeman	Walter J. and Lilla M. Place
20	Clara Louise Sprague	Chas. H. and Estelle Newcomb
22	Edward N. Dubois	Edward and Emma M. Doucette
22	Stillborn	
24	Joseph Wilfred Boutine	Joseph H. and Hannah Gregoire
30	Agnes Mabel Pava	Manuel B. and M. M. Michael
31	—————Gacini	Peter and ———Trocche
Feb. 2	James Maddigan	John F. and Annie Fulthorp
6	Etta McKinnon	Norman and A. E. Whitehouse
7	Hunter	Chas. H. and Ida M. Fuller
8	Lawrence Francis McClusky	James F. and Eliza P. Fearing
9	Raymond Henry Stone	Henry J. and Dora H. Jerome
14	Dorothy Richmond Keyes	Wilfred S. and Lena B. Chase
15	William Emmett Ware	Warren F. and Annie A. Kelley
17	Eleanor Fessenden	William Pitt and Edith Jewell
21	Harold Brestjan Jensen	Hans and Christina Neilson
22	John Chisnolevich	Joseph and Petra Yermolovich
25	Russell Merrithew Gray	Ernest E. and Clara G. Thomas
26	Stillborn	
27	Lester Wilfred Beckwith	Harry L. and Lena A. Bryant
28	Elizabeth Norris	James and Eliza A. Breach
29	Lillian Duperie	George and Rose Simand
Mar. 17	Eddla Loren Bartlett	Basil C. and Rose Wade
28	—————Fasulo	Jimmie and
2	Leah Geraldine Allison	Wm. C. and Mattie S. Murdock
3	Adolph Hubbard	Geoffrey and Mary J. Goncas
6	Manuel Medeiros	Joseph and Maria Pechico
7	Harry Averill Leavitt	Fred and Ellis
7	Roger Wood White	Alton W. and Clara M. Wood
12	George La Croix	Joseph and P. M. Boucher
13	Dora Della Isenberg	Morris and Helen Bankoff
18	Albert Lonzo Tibbetts	Frank and Lillian Reed
19	Isabel Baydarian	Mark G. and L. G. K. Shehrigian
22	—————Washburn	David T. and
24	Oliver Benjamin	Joseph and Josephine Lontavie
31	Clara Bouchard	Adelard and Ermina Goutier

BIRTHS—*Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
Mar. 31	Francis Clarke Ryder	Morrill S. and Susan Dorrance
31	Howard McNayr	Archie and Bessie Ann
Apr. 1	Boardman	Edward and Burns
3	Stillborn	
6	Lena Fred	Frank and Francis Silva
7	Richard Percy Tanguay	Mitchell H. and Delia M. Beriner
8	Evelyn May Wallace	Wilbur and Ella H. Stetson
10	Charles Stevens Thomas	Lyman P. and Evelyn W. Small
10	Lillian Mae Merrihew	Wm. A. and Eunice J. MacNeil
12	Clarence Hugh Gauthier	Joseph and Jeanette Charland
17	Lester Francis Bumpus	George C. and Minnie F. Russell
24	Alice Evelyn Guidiboni	Didimo and Eimiria Rondelli
25	Irene Eva Murray	Walter W. and Lucy Commeau
27	Henry Albert Guerin	Adolph and Robie Gadouy
28	Niama Odda Cheque	Joe and Odela St. Jean
30	———Rosha	Jos. and Jessie de Conciercos
May 2	Celia Elizabeth Chaloux	Moise J. and Vic. Bisonnette
8	Barbara Mary Mulligan	Thomas and Barbary L. Grace
8	John Cornelius Chappelle	Wm. and Rose Mary Harrington
12	Norman Miller Clark	Harold and Mary L. Smith
16	Henry Ovila Offee Vanasse	Vilo and Leontine Gadury
16	Offee Labore	Ovilla and
18	Mary Antoinette Legotte	Henry and Celina Senechal
19	Marv Zarmolwich	Adam and Catherine Gigkite
19	Lawrence Linden Osborne	Lyman and Emily King
21	Mary Regina LeRoy	George and Regina Broult
25	Verna May Barrows	Fred W. and Ethel M. Smith
27	Mary Josephine Newton	Francis H. and Margaret Costello
27	———Bernaam	Max and Celia Bussalovitz
June 5	Florence Converse Killam	Converse D. and Florence Reed
3	———Chaloux	Joseph and ——Bisonette
8	Hazel Alberta Hanson	Fred L. and Mary E. Shurtleff
9	Carmen Heff Butler	Frank J. and Submit Burkholder
9	Harold Delmar Tallman	Alfred S. and Philena Cudworth
11	Dorcas Tucker	Geo. Fox and Effie Williams
11	Ellen Maxfield Briggs	George and ——Sandy
15	Newell Robbins Briggs	Wm. W. and Mary S. Robbins
20	Arthur Watson Dimock	Wilfred and Mary L. Maitland
22	———Rosa	Joe J. and Martina De Conciercos
22	William Francis Purtell	Charles F. and Edith Gove
23	Leona Frances Dill	Ralph U. and L. A. Thompson
May 27	Catherine Elizabeth Curley	John and Catherine Toomey
25	Orrin Alden Swift	Jacob A. and Bertha A. Cannon
26	Rosamond M. Weston	James and Addie Vaughan
27	Alliston Chester Wetherell	H. O. and Mamie Carter
July 5	Blanche Morris	Amos and Mary A. Perkins
	Beatrice Morris	Amos and Mary A. Perkins

BIRTHS—*Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
July 9	Wilma May Bonney	George W. and Neva Nichols
13	———Going	Albert W. and Eldora Vaughan
14	Bertram Lothrop Thomas, Jr.	Bertram L. and Lizzie Briggs
18	Marian Elizabeth Thomas	Frank S. and Mary F. Harvey
21	Carlo Bena	Giovanni and Eliza Pagnini
24	Eva May Hammond	Josiah and Estella M. Swazey
24	Mildred Millicent Thomas	George L. and Emma N. Phinney
27	Stillborn	
28	George Thomas Nelson	Neilson N. and Marie Thompson
28	Charlotte Elnora Lambert	Thos. H. and Lillian M. Eldridge
30	Stillborn	
30	Peter Joseph Murray	Joseph and Mary L. Godbout
Aug. 2	Howard W. Newcomb	Everett A. and Edith A. Darling
3	Manuel Mello	John B. and Mary A. Azovick
4	Leroy Francis Vaughan	Henry W. and Rose I. Hill
5	Lawrence McCarthy	Daniel F. and M. E. McCarthy
6	Joseph W. A. Maynard	Louis A. and Mary E. Andrews
12	———McWilliams	Charles and
13	Mildred Constance White	Lester A. and H. A. Whitmarsh
13	Elizabeth Raymond	Lucius H. and L. E. Shurtleff
14	Andrew Maxwell Patterson	Grover C. and Dora A. Susee
17	Mildred Helena Smith	George A. and Bertha McNeil
17	Harold Francis Fosberg	Oscar F. and Ger. M. Millard
23	Martha Wing Deane	Abial Freeman and Sarah Jones
27	Grace Elizabeth Atwood	Levi O. and Gertrude Collier
31	Charles Francis Murphy	James and Sarah L. Mansfield
Sept. 5	Margaret Doucette Remellard	Ovila and Marguerite Dusette
7	Mary Antonio Delvecchio	Nicholas and Emilea Tosti
13	Mary Cecilia Rogers	James H. and Delia Bernier
13	Antone Dominica Falconeri	Louis and Almeia Desvecchi
13	———Peranian	Sam. and Bergonag Kaprunian
15	Stillborn	
17	Joseph Octaive Banville	Jos. and Philomenee Levesque
18	Virginia Silva	Manuel and Virginia Silva
18	Mary Silva	Manuel and Virginia Silva
20	Arigo Rullo	Vito and Souea Coluccia
20	———Sullivan	John E. and Ealonire G. Boise
29	Lillian May Boardman	Edward and Abbie H. Wilbur
Oct, 2	———Casey	Wm. O. and Sarah A. Hanley
3	Anna Uzdawinis	Morris and Anna Varonica
4	Joseph Linden Lewis	Leonard and Elizabeth Lamb
4	Chester Welden Lewis	Leonard and Elizabeth Lamb
6	Ellen Louise Morrison	John J. and Nellie E. Boardman
7	Mildred Elaine Drake	Ernest M. and Carrie N. Border
9	Arthur Frame Follansbee	Arthur P. and Edith Frame
11	William Arthur Norris	William J. and Laura Lyons
14	Myra Harlow Standish	Walter I. and Marion H. Keith

BIRTHS—*Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Names of Parents.
Oct. 15	Harold Griswold Conant	Harold McKay and M. Griswold
17	Punell George Dupont	George and Corabel St. Peter
18	Thomas Francis Thompson	Thos. B. and Agnes E. Doucette
21	Frank Carl Otto	Frank and Millie Rudolph
24	—————Harlow	Franklin S. and E. A. Travers
27	Antonio Disolvo	Angelo and Oriente Minichello
	Paschal Disolvo	Angelo and Oriente Minichello
27	Joseph Sousa	Antonio and Maria Xolomina
28	Norman Mornie Rathbone	Charles L. and ———Cole
22	Mary Costa	Joseph and Mary Umelin
28	Mary Margaret Sylvester	Alfred and Violena Moquin
30	John Ivan Budd	Geo. E. and Lillian C. Anderson
Nov. 4	—————Pische	George and Maud Hall
6	James Lorenzo Tripp	Herbert H. and Anna M. Sawyer
8	Ruth Freeman Lee	Chester E. and Grace Churbuck
12	Robert Burrell Smith	Samuel F. and Mabel L. Seymour
12	Arthur Vincent Boucher	John and Ida M. Winters
12	Anna Pastchina Ciardullo	Antone Gramy and
12	—————Anderson	Chas. and Nora W. Standish
14	George James Roht	John and Jacobina Schmadel
15	Eugene Savard	Ulysses and Theodora Dion
17	Alice Edna Weston	Dura E. and Mary E. Vaughan
18	Leonardo Dominique Lemmo	Louis and Carolina Del Vecchio
23	Francis Joseph Sheehan	William J. and Katherine Baker
24	Mary Catherine Oloffski	John and Veronica Dowdonna
26	—————Bassett	Charles S. and Anna Frys
27	Charles Edward Roberts	Joseph and Annie Anderson
27	Helen Francis Manwaring	Nelson and Bertha Ritter
27	Annie Silva Rabite	Joseph Silva and Fannie Glorie
29	William Harold Silva	Joseph and Fannie
30	Mary Tringue	Louis and Anna Millette
Dec. 1	Franklin Clement Fenno	Frank P. and Lydia F. Caswell
3	—————Perry	Carlos and
5	May Charlott Hammons	Ralph and Maud A. Wilbur
6	Preston Snow Estabrook	Harold and Lizzie S. Leggee
8	Alcide Ascot Wood	Alcide and Mary Dazil
9	Emily Louisa Jordan	William P. and Nellie Butler
10	Helen Francis Hall	Nahum L. and Nellie Francis
11	Joseph Halmar Boyer	Peter and Maria DeChamplain
12	Louis Napoleon Letender	Joseph B. and Philomene Cyr
12	—————Gibbs	Frank M. and F. M. Wadsworth
20	Mary Sirois	Paul and ———LaRue
25	Clifford Raymond Perkins	Harold E. and Mary L. Bazinet
28	Dorothy Flora Pierre	James and Lena Valliere
28	Illegitimate	

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO
DURING THE YEAR 1908.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 1	William Nolan	73	—	—	La Grippe—Pneumonia
4	Daniel Hallasey	52	1	14	Angina pectoris
6	Charles Mitchell	65	3	28	Heart disease —Influenza
9	John W. Wedlock	76	—	—	Chronic prostatitis
10	Charles Leon Vaughan	—	7	7	Laryngismus stridulus
10	E. Maude Perkins	22	6	22	Angina pectoris
11	Eva Lizotte	4	3	24	Pneumonia
13	Mary L. Sumner(Wright)	67	—	21	Paralysis agitans
19	Margaret A. Angus (McNevin)	37	2	9	Phthisis
20	George Winslow Barnard	51	11	15	Tuberculosis
20	Annie May Haskins (Thompson)	35	4	4	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
29	Antonio Frednri	30	—	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Feb. 1	Jane DeMoranville West (Spooner)	93	11	19	Influenza
Jan. 7	Helen W. Peirce (Curtis)	46	9	25	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Feb. 2	Eleanor Maria Thomas (Tillson)	66	—	27	Ovarian Cyst
2	James Maddigan	—	—	5	Inantion
4	Flora A. Weston	53	—	—	Pyaemia
10	Etta McKinnon	—	—	—	Convulsions
13	William H. Ryder	50	4	17	Pneumonia
17	William Otis Maxim	36	4	12	Diabetis
18	Isaac Dexter Bump	92	5	27	Bronchitis—Senility
18	Eliphalet Bumpus	77	3	25	Pneumonia
22	John Chesnolevich	—	—	6	Injury
22	Ruth A. Briggs	18	8	—	Asphyxia, Congestion of Lungs
25	Charles L. Thompson	72	—	6	Heart Disease
Mar. 4	Mary J. Graham(Peirce)	73	5	26	Cardiac Dilation
5	Lucia A. Holmes	62	5	5	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
6	Lizzie A. Bacon(Vaughan)	43	16	15	Multiple Angie—Sarcoma
6	Lydia A. Lamson(Lamson)	76	11	7	Pericarditis
8	Emma Buck Crossley(Buck)	45	3	—	Carginoma
19	Peter Donavan	55	—	—	Cardiac Dilation
12	Israel T. Hathaway	52	5	11	Apoplexy, Acute Indiges- tion
17	Frances M. Blinkensop(Mills)	77	6	5	Catarrhal Pneumonia
18	Abigail W. Dalton(Wright)	81	5	27	Arterial Sclerosis
20	Silas John Starrett	62	8	4	Disease of Heart
21	Joshua G. Wing	77	1	21	Disease of Heart
23	Walter Elwin Weman	—	2	6	Convulsions
25	Mary Dalina VictoriaGabrey	—	10	7	Broncho-Pneumonia
27	Nelson Thomas	81	7	22	Diabetes Mellitus

DEATHS—*Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y	M	D	
Mar. 7	Mary A. Follansbee (Mc-Grath)	71	5	18	Carcinoma of Intestines
April 5	Phoebe F. Lucas	52	5	5	Acute Indigestion
5	James S. Blinkensop	75	10	24	Old Age
9	Harold Lukeforth	1	7	16	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis
10	Earl G. Besse	45	19	—	Diabetic Gangrene
10	Albert J. Moulton	57	—	4	Locomotor Ataxia
17	Edwin O. Drew	74	—	16	Exhaustion
19	Mary Donovan	82	—	—	Acute Indigestion
22	Sanford B. Cornell	52	10	3	Tuberculosis
22	Lillian F. Shurtleff (Lovell)	34	2	27	Cancer
24	Charles Stephen Thomas	—	—	6	Spontaneous Hemorrhage
30	Mary L. April	21	9	27	Consumption
May 5	Joseph Wilfred Boutine	—	4	9	Inanition
5	Wendall Harris White	54	7	28	Pneumonia
6	Dominick Delvecchio	1	6	—	Pneumonia
9	Barbara Mary Milligan	—	—	1	Defective heart
9	Samuel Henry Coombs	63	9	17	Cancer
14	Arthur Clifton Marchant	25	—	9	Tubercular Laryngitis
16	George Lyman Anderson	20	8	8	Fracture of Skull
25	Harold Green Estabrook	25	4	16	Cardiac Asthena
June 12	Frederic W. Hausding	26	1	15	Convulsions
15	George A. Earl	66	9	25	Arterial Sclerosis
16	Daniel Higginsbottom	34	2	16	Drowning
18	Marvin Rathbone	49	2	16	Nephritis
28	Manuel DeRose	44	4	26	Unknown
July 2	Adelph Hubbard	—	3	29	Cholera Infantum
6	Albert Edward Kelly	8	3	13	Drowning
6	Kenneth Coleman Sturtevant	5	11	5	Drowning
13	Joseph Roy	65	—	—	Endocarditis.
13	Gertrude Bacon Randall (Smith)	65	11	29	Senility
17	Catherine Hayes	64	—	—	Dilation of Heart
19	Charles William Clark	60	5	21	Senile Dementure
24	Manuel Medeiros	—	4	18	Cholera Infantum
27	Mary W. Higgins (Weston)	72	2	27	Apoplexy
30	Mary E. Carter (Warren)	82	10	8	Arterial Sclerosis
Aug. 1	John Edward Howe	48	5	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
3	Hewett Chandler	75	7	17	Apoplexy
4	Manuel Mello	—	—	2	Valvular Heart Trouble
5	John Baptist Bernier	57	9	25	Cerebral Hemorrhage
6	George Brightman Thomas	67	9	27	Leucaemia
7	Charles Wright Bradford	84	—	6	Valvular Heart Disease
11	Peter Joseph Murry	—	—	12	Inanition
17	Thomas O'Neil	—	7	10	Cholera Infantum

DEATHS—*Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y	M	D	
Aug. 20	Irene Eva Murray	—	3	26	Cholera Infantum
22	Thos. Gammons Peckham Thrasher	83	7	—	Probably Apoplexy
24	William J. Robinson	50	4	18	Poisoning
24	Howard W. Newcomb	—	—	24	Meningitis
29	Benjamin Hoddie (Eastwood)	34	—	—	Drowning
Sept. 2	Celia S. Macomber (White)	78	—	—	Valvular Heart Disease
7	Sarah A. White (Drake)	82	10	11	Senile Decay
8	Henry Albert Guerin	—	4	12	Colitis
11	Charles A. Clark	62	3	9	Tuberculosis
13	Hattie Williams King	41	4	3	Valvular Heart Disease
13	William Darling	84	10	28	Cancer
14	Samuel G. Travassor	—	11	5	Colitis
16	Charles H. Packard	69	1	8	Arterial Sclerosis
22	Albion T. Stevens	83	6	—	Unknown
21	Mrytle Estelle Pittsley	13	1	12	Rheumatic Endicarditis
22	—Sullivan	—	—	2	Asphyxia
26	Juliette H. Bump (Morse)	68	5	22	Apoplexy
Oct. 1	—Casey	—	—	1	Premature birth
3	Thomas J. Lovell	71	9	18	Gangrene
6	William Francis Purtell	—	3	14	Neorasmus
8	Wallace C. Collins	38	6	6	Chronic Nephritis
13	Sarah F. Mansfield (Foley)	74	3	—	Bronchitis
16	Patrick Murray	65	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	Garaphelia A. Bishop (Sears)	57	4	13	Disease of Heart
29	Joseph Brooks Simmons	58	7	26	Septic Infection
30	George W. Tinkham	63	—	—	Chronic Heart Disease
23	Albert Russell Tupper	64	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
Aug. 3	Emeline S. Hewes	71	11	5	Chronic Myocarditis
Nov. 1	Jennie S. Tinkham	47	10	21	Coma
5	Elizabeth Savery (Shurtleff)	83	7	1	Heart Disease
5	James M. Alden	84	11	26	Septic Poisoning
6	Mary E. Pratt (Wheeler)	38	4	21	Heart Failure
7	William D. Cornish	63	—	—	Organic Heart Disease
13	A. Helen Chamberlain	11	6	1	Cerebral Thrombosis
15	Arthur Thomas Preece	48	9	1	Typhoid Fever
16	Clarence W. Riggs	8	9	20	Sarcoma of Jaw
16	Louis Fontaine Jr.	—	5	5	Chronic Bronchitis
19	Leonarde Dominique Lemmo	—	—	—	Hemorrhage
21	Mildred Elaine Drake	—	1	14	Premature Birth
25	Etta P. White (Gammons)	31	1	10	Peritonitis
26	Theodora D. Soule (Leonard)	66	3	4	Cerebral Thrombus
26	Lydia G. H. Carter	72	4	9	Heart Failure
27	Zilpha B. Thomas (Shurtleff)	85	2	10	Paralysis—Senility
29	Charles E. Morse	53	2	29	Poisoning

DEATHS—*Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y	M	D	
Nov. 30	George W. Hammond	57	6	2	Chronic Nephritis
Dec. 9	Rossana W. Merrihew (Magilton)	51	6	9	Chronic Nephritis
10	Frances A. Parker (Eddy)	73	7	9	Chronic Neurasthenia
11	Ansel Fuller	76	2	18	Arterial Sclerosis
13	George B. Tinkham	74	4	10	Paralysis Agitans
16	Louisa LaRue (Chasse)	68	2	19	Senile Decay
17	Frederick M. Doucette	19	—	29	General Tuberculosis
18	Luther Bradford Murdock	75	7	16	Senile Paralysis
28	Cornelius Dorigan	65	—	—	Heart Failure
31	George Frederic Eaton	71	9	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
5	Morris Guerin	78	—	—	Senile Dementia
14	Benjamin Dunham	54	—	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO
DURING THE YEAR 1908.

Date.	Name of Bride and Groom.	Residence.
Jan. 1	Lester W. Bradley	Thornton, N. H.
	Hattie C. Stickney	Compton, N. H.
1	William Albert Merrihew	Middleboro
	Eunice Jennie McNeill	Middleboro
14	Joseph Ignatius Roberts	"
	Annie Madeline Anderson	"
15	Herbert Leland Hathaway	"
	Phebe Ellen Loring (Hatch)	"
25	Frederick Millard Doel	Lakeville
	Mary Winsor Holloway	"
27	George Percy Hunt	Brockton
	Inez Valeria Lovelace	Middleboro
28	Frank Sidney Thomas	"
	Mary Frances Harvey	"
Feb. 5	Daniel Francis McCarthy	"
	Margaret Ella McCarthy	"
6	William Oliver Casey	"
	Sarah Agnes Hanley	Whitman
5	Albert Winfred Riggs	Middleboro
	Maude Agnes Reed	"
18	William Ives Jeffers	"
	Mary Louisa Callahan	Malden
23	Levi L. Rounseville	Wareham
	Octavia E. N. Adams	"
25	Frederick Almed Courteau	Middleboro
	Evelyn Mary Perkins	Revere
Mar. 10	George Piche	Middleboro
	Maude Lillian Hall	"
30	Ernest Leighton Maxim	"
	Alice Broadley LeBaron	"
April 8	Harry L. Messinger	"
	Beatrice Starratt	Brockton
7	Harold Robinson Ashley	Middleboro
	Frances Cleveland Douglas	"
11	Herbert W. Leach	Brockton
	Martha Belcher (Stetson)	"
18	George Gardner Merrill	Middleboro
	Winifred Ellsworth Page	"
29	George Arthur Keith	Boston
	Vera Rich Leonard	Middleboro
29	Irving Thomas Gurney	"
	Lily Vivian Hamilton	Augusta, Me.
29	Rowland Theodore Hazard	Wickfield, R. I.
	Margaret May Keough	Middleboro
May 2	William Nelson Cole	"
	Mildred Lillian West	"

MARRIAGES—*Continued.*

Date.	Name of Bride and Groom.	Residence.
May 5	Alphonse Joseph Burque Rosanna Landry	Middleboro "
7	Thomas Locke Nellie Teresa Casey	" "
23	Samuel Alpert Minnie Firstian (Friedman)	" "
29	John Gunnar Burgh Ida Carlsson	Beverly Middleboro
June 3	Earl Dean Bertha Myra Ryder	Middleboro North Easton
3	Fred William Capel Annie Ida Kipke	Bridgewater Bridgewater
10	George Washington Merrill Eunice Bangs Merrill	Augusta, Me. Augusta, Me.
17	Wilfred Herbert Phoebe Duffany	Middleboro "
17	Alton Gerard Pratt Marian Kingman Tillson	" "
20	William Crossman West Florence Eldrige Cowperthwaite	Central Falls, R. I. Central Falls, R. I.
22	Alphonse Goneau Georgianna Roy	Cambridge Middleboro
24	Daniel Henry Harrington Mary Catherine Hoor	" "
24	Ichabod Bradford Thomas Jr. Lucia Augusta Thomas	" "
25	Edward Wellington MacNeill Amy Estella Swift	" "
27	Joseph Alfred Miner Almy Irene Danforth	" "
29	Ernest Thayer Damon Lillian Standish	Brockton "
30	George Philip Ennsringer Alice May Casey	Middleboro "
July 2	Frank Wesley Cates Vera Melvina Cummings	Middleboro Boston
3	Edward Boardman Abbie Helen Wilbur	Middleboro "
4	Guistino Matrusciano Anna Festa	" "
8	Joseph Franklin Phillips Jennie Maria Gammons	Providence, R. I. Middleboro
18	George Edwin Budd Lillian Charlotte Anderson	" "
20	Aaron Lederman Bessie Katsman	" Boston

MARRIAGES—*Continued.*

Date.	Name of Bride and Groom.	Residence.
Aug. 10	Eugene Francis Page	Olean, N. Y.
	Annie E. Kinder	Middleboro
19	Barclay Allen Kinsman	"
	Agnes Blanche Cameron Dudley	"
23	Charles Eldridge Tripp	"
	Anna Smith	"
Sept. 5	Henry Place Messer	"
	Harriet Page (Chamberlin)	"
8	George Weaver Bump	"
	Estelle Farwell Chapman	"
Oct. 8	Albert Gray Tinkham	"
	Hulda Charlotte Erickson	"
18	Charles Omer Denham	"
	Eustatia K. Sherman(Scholtz)	S. Royalston, Vt.
18	Alfred Franklin Ames	Bourne
	Ella M. Kipp (Westgate)	Bourne
19	Edward James Sheehan	Middleboro
	Nellie L. Linanne	Taunton
20	Theodore Stephen Davis	Middleboro
	Abbie Nelson Lucas	"
21	Frederick Rudolph Roeder	"
	Lottie Viola Cobb	Plympton
21	Arthur Gray Cummings	Middleboro
	Grace Evelyn Wood	"
22	James E. Burpee	West Boylston
	Lillian May Grinnell	Middleboro
25	Ambrose P. Colwill	Taunton
	Rena A. Lacassa	"
26	Anthony Bassett	Carver
	Alexina Michaud	Middleboro
28	Walter Clifford Haskins	"
	Lucy Peirce Sherman(Haven)	"
28	Franklin Nichols Woodward	"
	Ida Florence Atwood	"
Nov. 2	Frederick Wright Wilbur	Lincoln, R. I.
	Fannie Hope Harris	Lincoln, R. I.
16	James Percival Leahy	Middleboro
	Margaret Terisa Kane	New Bedford
18	Elmer Elsworth Harrington	Laconia N. H.
	Leah Evelene Auger	Middleboro
25	George Brinton Gammons	"
	Annie McLeod	"
25	Joseph Bernard Boehme	Middleboro
	Cordelia Thomas Staples	"
25	Austin Mendall Howard	"
	Luella Coleman Taylor	"
26	Milton T. B. Sherrard	"
	Mary Celia Morrison	"

MARRIAGES—*Concluded.*

Date.	Name of Bride and Groom.	Residence.
Dec. 19	Harry Elmer Braley Laura Chase Coombs (King)	Middleboro “
23	William Fisher Rubina Pollitt	“ “
24	Everett Whitfield Blair Catherine Mary McLeod	“ “
30	Theophile Bernier Albertine Bergeron	Bridgewater Middleboro
30	Cecil Zotque Bissonette Cecilia Myrtle Bradford	“ “
30	Robert H. Moore Louise H. Briggs	Wareham Wareham
Oct. 21	Walter Carpenter Grigor Mabel Frances Fletcher	Middleboro Providence

SUMMARY.

From the Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths recorded
during the year 1908.

Number of Marriages recorded	77
Number of Marriage Licenses granted	62
Oldest groom	77
Oldest bride	40
Youngest groom	20
Youngest bride	16
First marriage of	131
Second marriage of	22
Third marriage of	1

BIRTHS.

Number recorded	182
Number of males	102
Number of females	80

DEATHS.

Number recorded	139
Number occurring in town	112
Number of males	87
Number of females	52
Under one year	24
Between 1 and 10	6
" 10 " 20	4
" 20 " 30	6
" 30 " 40	10
" 40 " 50	10
" 50 " 60	18
" 60 " 70	22
" 70 " 80	24
" 80 " 90	12
" 90 " 100	2

DOGS.

Number licensed	791
Males	676
Females	115

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

For the year ending December 31, 1908.

1904 TAX.

Due by the last report		\$576 18
Collected	\$327 18	
Remitted	21 40	
Uncollected	227 60	
		<hr/> \$576 18

1905 TAX.

Due by last report		\$1,941 22
Collected	\$1,489 21	
Remitted	103 00	
Uncollected	349 61	
		<hr/> \$1,941 82

1906 TAX.

Due by last report		\$6,050 06
Collected	\$4,865 32	
Remitted	134 11	
Uncollected	1,030 63	
		<hr/> \$ 6,050 06

1907 TAX.

Due by last report		\$16,117 48
Collected	\$9,067 40	
Remitted	834 69	
Uncollected	6,215 39	
		<hr/> \$16,117 48

1908 TAX.

Amount committed	\$88,222 34	
Taxes added	2,605 81	
St. Rwy. Excise Tax	1,599 01	
Gypsy Moth Tax, Committed Dec. 18	226 10	
		<hr/> \$92,653 26
Collected	\$73,458 47	
Remitted	648 98	
Uncollected	18,545 81	
		<hr/> \$92,653 26

STREET SPRINKLING TAX.

1904 TAX.

Due by last Report		\$30 63
Collected	\$14 58	
Remitted	2 76	
Uncollected	13 29	
	<hr/>	\$30 63

1905 TAX.

Due by last Report		\$27 82
Collected	\$14 16	
Remitted	4 20	
Uncollected	9 46	
	<hr/>	\$27 82

1906 TAX.

Due by last Report		\$87 72
Collected	\$41 52	
Remitted	12 64	
Uncollected	33 39	
	<hr/>	\$87 72

1907 TAX.

Due by last Report.		\$137 06
Collected	\$58 94	
Uncollected	70 16	
Error in last Report	7 90	
	<hr/>	\$137 06

1908 TAX.

Tax Committed		\$745 13
Collected	\$608 44	
Uncollected	134 65	
Remitted	2 04	
	<hr/>	\$745 13

COLLECTOR'S CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year	\$2 52	
Interest collected	980 52	
Street Sprinkling tax collected	737 64	
Street Rwy. tax collected, (Excise)	1,599 01	
Town taxes	87,608 57	
	<hr/>	\$90,928 26
Paid Treasurer	\$90,160 00	
On hand	768 26	
	<hr/>	\$90,928 26

The above statement represents the collections at the close of the fiscal year December 31, 1908. Since that time all the taxes for the years before 1907 have been collected or arrangements have been made whereby they will be in the hands of the Collector before another tax is assessed, viz. May 1, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH ACCOUNT.

1909

Cash on hand as by report of 1907		\$286 79
Received from A. B. Chapin, Treasurer		
Corporation Tax		5,799 67
National Bank Tax		1,400 84
State Aid		6,775 00
Military Aid		396 00
State Highway		5,019 25
Soldiers' relief		105 00
Cemetery Funds		\$1,211 65
Charles Morton	\$45 00	
Hannah S. Drew	100 00	
Nathan Washburn	100 00	
M. H. Cushing	400 00	
Eunice T. Foye	100 00	
Middleboro Savings Bank	466 65	
Collector of Taxes		\$90,160 00
Fourth District Court, C. E. Ryder, Clerk		885 46
Herring Ac't		503 60
Towns down the river	\$190 00	
W. D. Blair	35 00	
J. Nagle & Co.	226 00	
N. B. & O. St. Rwy. Co.	52 60	
Highway Account		\$11,690 66
A. B. Chapin, Treasurer	\$1,004 46	
John C. Chace, Supt.	1,716 49	
Geo. E. Wood, Estate	132 62	
F. L. Barrows	123 03	
S. N. Shiverick	22 70	
Henry Clapp	8 00	
G. E. Tillson, Treasurer	9 70	
Peirce Trustees	6,778 96	
J. A. Burgess	2 00	
N. B. & O. St. Rwy.	15 20	

Town of Lakeville	\$3 00	
St. Rwy. Tax	1,304 08	
H. L. Thatcher	7 50	
Repairs State Highway	446 10	
A. Thompson	116 82	
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Pine Street, The County Treasurer		\$400 00
Taunton Street, Geo. R. Sampson		68 50
Incidentals		463 31
Geo. E. Keith Co.	\$2 87	
Telephones	460 44	
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Interest		\$71 87
Interest Enoch Pratt Fund		48 00
Library		1,632 99
Board of Health		39 00
Municipal Light Plant, Geo. A. Philbrook, Mgr.		19,200 00
Support of Poor		2,608 56
New Bedford	\$34 50	
Plymouth	332 61	
Raynham	202 00	
A. B. Chapin, St. Treas.	92 25	
S. L. Nickerson	246 36	
Taunton	107 00	
C. H. Boulter Est.	70 00	
David Pushee	1,147 08	
C. M. Thatcher	31 00	
Carver	129 75	
Brockton	38 01	
Tisbury	178 00	
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Schools		\$1,637 25
C. H. Bates	\$170 25	
A. B. Chapin, St. Treas.	498 50	
Boston	215 00	
Lakeville	621 50	
Plympton	55 00	
Rochester	77 00	
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Sewers		\$125 00
S. S. Lovell	25 00	
F. J. Dame	25 00	
Wm. Egger	25 00	

Paul Silva	\$25 00	
Geo. E. Gove	25 00	
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Soldiers' Relief		\$68 25
Plymouth	60 00	
Wareham	8 25	
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Temporary Loan		\$51,000 00
Town Hall Rents		1,277 00
Town History		16 50
		<hr/>
		\$203,087 85

CASH PAID.

A. B. Chapin, St. Treasurer	
National Bank Tax	\$226 37
State Tax	7,480 00
Albert Davis, Co. Treasurer,	
County Tax	6,196 44
Orders of Board of Health	993 80
Orders of Selectmen, Cem. Trust Funds	466 65
Orders of Com. on imp, LT. Plant	234 85
Orders of Com. on Selling Plant	190 35
Orders of Mun. Lt. Board,	
Depreciation	5,868 16
Municipal Lt.	17,520 14
Municipal Lt. Loan	2,000 00
Municipal Lt. Interest	3,028 00
Orders Fourth Dist. Court	742 34
General Imp. Loan	1,000 00
Orders of Selectmen	
Grove Street	315 76
Gypsy Moths	1,753 88
Herrings	312 02
Highways	11,590 26
Pine Street	502 53
State Highway	5,018 96
Taunton Street	110 00
Incidentals	3,617 49
Interest	5,268 73
Military Aid	936 00
Night Watch	767 00
Police	463 66

Salaries	\$3,525 56
Sewers	1 25
Sidewalks	1,442 49
Soldiers' Relief	2,424 36
State Aid	6,421 00
Suppression of Crime	900 00
Town Hall	2,582 81
Tree Warden	500 00
Water Supply	2,250 00
Post 8 G. A. R.	200 00
Re-imbursement Green and Luippold	200 00
Re-imbursement H.T. Carver	120 00
Joseph E. Beals, Treas. Library	2,029 99
Middleboro Sav. Bank Cem. Trust Funds	745 00
Orders of Overseers of Poor	10,450 22
Orders of School Committee, Schools	30,450 38
School Repairs	1,068 07
School Transportation	1,912 45
Middleboro Savings Bank, School House Loan	1,900 00
Middleboro National Bank, Sewer Loan	5,000 00
Middleboro Savings Bank, Sewer Loan	1,000 00
Orders Mun. Lt. Board Suburban Lighting	527 30
Temporary Loan	35,000 00
Balance on hand	8,630 48
	<hr/> \$203,087 85

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ENOCH PRATT FUND.

1909

Jan. 1.	Notes of the Town of Middle- boro	\$10,000 00
	Interest from Municipal Light Loan	48 00
	Interest from Town treasurer	352 00
		<hr/> \$10,400 00

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Notes of the Town of Middle-	
boro	\$10,000 00
Paid Jos. E. Beals, Treas. of	
Library	400 00
	<hr/> \$10,400 00

AMOS H. EATON,

Treasurer of Enoch Pratt Fund.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN SINKING FUND.

Received from Town Treas.	\$2,000 00
Cr.	
Paid Estabrook & Co. For	
bonds	\$2,000 00

AMOS H. EATON,

Treasurer Municipal Light Loan Sinking Fund.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

The Treasurer has on deposit in the Middleboro Savings Bank "to be held in trust, the interest only to be expended," the following sums as shown by the bank books in his possession.

The books show the amounts as they stand after the October dividend has been credited and all bills paid which have been presented.

Central Cemetery:

Lot Owner.	Endowment.	Balance.
Sarah E. Bartlett	\$100 00	\$104 31
T. H. & H. A. Besse	100 00	102 58
Andrew J. Bisbee	100 00	105 69
S. S. Bourne	100 00	107 81
Rufus J. Brett	100 00	103 68
Robert V. Cole	82 14	88 88
Richard Cox	25 00	25 06
Lydia B. Cushing	50 00	55 32
M. H. Cushing	200 00	200 00
Jas. Dowsing	51 61	52 74

Wm. L. Dean	\$100 00	\$110 91
Mary E. Drake	100 00	106 38
Hannah S. Drew	100 00	101 00
Norton N. Fenno	100 00	106 53
S. B. Gibbs	100 00	104 06
P. B. Holmes	100 00	119 45
B. F. Jones	100 00	103 86
Sarah P. Jones	100 00	105 80
Jacob Johnson	75 00	77 96
Clara S. Kelley	100 00	103 34
Eliza H. Kelley	100 00	103 62
William A. King	100 00	106 50
Calvin D. Kingman	100 00	104 15
Robert W. Lashures	100 00	104 61
Otis Leach	100 00	100 00
James Allen Leonard	150 00	152 36
John N. Main	100 00	104 79
J. P. McCully	100 00	104 24
Alden Miller	100 00	105 57
S. B. Osborne	100 00	106 35
Alvin Pease	100 00	102 36
Jos. L. Pease	100 00	105 09
David D. Perkins	75 00	75 52
Alfred Randall	100 00	102 02
Aaron Raymond	100 00	104 49
Everett Robinson	200 00	217 36
William Shiverick	150 00	174 22
Reuben Taylor	100 00	105 74
Tinkham Lot No. 6	60 00	61 75
B. F. Tripp	100 00	102 84
Azel Washburn	100 00	111 67
William Washburn	50 00	51 12
Ward Lot, No. 110	100 00	104 34
Chauncy D. White	100 00	108 23
Sarah D. White	500 00	531 81

Nemasket Hill Cemetery:

Joshua M. Eddy	100 00	100 00
Austin Ford	50 00	50 00
Henry F. Pope	100 00	100 00
Sophronia L. Reed	50 00	50 00
Rhoda J. Savery	100 00	100 00
Charles Soule	100 00	100 00
Edmund Thompson	50 00	50 00

Oliver H. Thompson	\$100 00	\$100 00
Benj. C. Tinkham	50 00	50 00
Lydia B. Vaughan	50 00	51 53
Warren Lot	50 00	50 00
Thomas Weston	150 00	150 00
B. P. Wood	100 00	100 00
C. B. Wood	150 00	150 00
Mrs. Ellen T. Wood	31 48	31 48
Priscilla Wood	50 00	50 00
Thomas Wood	100 00	100 00

Rock Cemetery:

C. N. Atwood	100 00	114 34
Deborah Carver	100 00	116 32
Julia S. Cobb	100 00	117 23
Dr. Samuel Cobb	45 00	45 45
Sylvester F. Cobb	100 00	119 96
Chas. F. Cushman	176 75	197 77
Mary B. Keith	75 00	85 49
A. J. Smith	50 00	54 82
H. N. Thomas and Family		
W. O. Barrows and Family	1,000 00	1165 42
Jane A. Wood	18 44	19 88

N. Middleboro Cemetery:

Sumner Keith	100 00	112 96
Jared Pratt	150 00	205 33
Everett Robinson, Alfred Eaton Lot	100 00	108 69
Roswell Waldron & Benj. Barrows	150 00	206 34

Cemetery at the Green:

Ira Bryant	50 00	53 56
Branch Harlow	100 00	100 00
J. B. & I. H. Thompson	100 00	163 67
Lydia R. Thompson	100 00	118 36
Julia Wood & Caroline Robbins	50 00	54 12

Thomastown Cemetery:

Atwood Lot	100 00	139 93
Eleazer Thomas	100 00	128 49
Thomastown Cemetery	198 00	241 74

S. Middleboro Cemetery:

M. H. Cushing	\$200 00	\$200 00
W. O. & S. T. LeBaron	50 00	51 00
John & Henry Thomas	50 00	55 94

Sachem St. Cemetery:

Gammons Lot	50 87	56 47
Thomas Smith	50 00	56 91

Richmond Cemetery, Purchase St.

Lysander Richmond	100 00	110 07
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Summer St. Cemetery:

Jonathan T. Washburn	200 00	220 22
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Wappanucket Cemetery:

Benjamin Richmond lot and Care of whole Cemetery,	400 00	520 25
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Fall Brook Cemetery:

Atwood & Thomas Lot	200 00	228 22
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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Town and on the whole find them in better condition than formerly. I find vouchers or checks for all payments made by the Treasurer.

Our debt limit based on three percent of valuation is \$135,827.87. Our indebtedness (outside of Electric Light debt of \$73,700.00 and Temporary Loan of \$33,500.00) is \$86,750.00, being \$49,077.87 under the limit established by statute.

I wish to call especial attention to the Temporary Loan amounting to \$33,500.00 and to the amount of uncollected taxes \$26,369.04. The statute expressly states that the Temporary Loan shall be made payable from the taxes of the municipal year in which such debts are incurred.

The State Department of Municipal Returns recommend that "all financial transactions to which the municipality is a party should pass through the hands of one central official, the city or town treasurer, and should be made a matter of record on his books."

I would again urge the recommendation made by me in regard to the accounts of the Public Library.

I recommend that steps be taken towards the adoption of a "Uniform System of Accounting" in accordance with suggestions of Department of Municipal Returns.

I append table of indebtedness.

INDEBTEDNESS.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN.

Due Nov. 1, 1915	4 %	Enoch Pratt Fund	\$3,800 00
Due on demand	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	1,000 00
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			\$4,800 00
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PLYMOUTH & MIDDLEBORO RAILROAD.

Due Nov. 1, 1918	4 %	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	\$5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1919	4 %	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	\$5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1920	4 %	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1921	4 %	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	5,000 00
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			\$20,000 00
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SEWER LOAN.

Due Nov. 1, 1909	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	\$5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1910	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1911	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1912	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	5,000 00
Due Nov. 1, 1913	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	5,000 00
Due on demand	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	1,000 00
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			\$26,000 00
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SCHOOLHOUSE LOAN.

Due Nov. 1, 1914	4 %	Enoch Pratt Fund	\$5,000 00
Due Dec. 12, 1909 to Dec. 12, 1912	4 %	Middleboro Savings Bank	1,000 00
Due Sept. 8, 1913	4 %	Jose Parker & Company	250 00
Due Nov. 1, 1909 to Nov. 1, 1926	4 %	Jose Parker & Co.	29,700 00
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			\$35,950 00
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ELECTRIC LIGHT LOAN.

Due Nov. 1, 1915 4 % Enoch Pratt Fund	\$1,200 00
Due Nov. 1, 1909 to Nov. 1, 1923 4 % to bearer	52,500 00
Due Aug. 1, 1924 to Aug. 1, 1927 4 % to Jose Parker & Co.	20,000 00
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	<u>\$73,700 00</u>

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Due Middleboro Savings Bank at 5 %	\$12,000 00
Due H. W. Carver at 4 %	2,000 00
Due F. Austin G. Atwood at 4 %	2,500 00
Due Shadrach F. W. Atwood at 4 %	500 00
Due Peirce Estate at 5 %	5,000 00
Due Peirce Estate at 6 %	1,500 00
Due Middleboro Savings Bank at 4½ %	5,000 00
Due Middleboro Savings Bank at 4 %	5,000 00
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	\$33,500 00
Other Indebtedness (estimated)	\$6,000 00
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	<u>\$199,950 00</u>

PERCY W. KEITH,

Auditor.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Trustees of the Public Library

For the year 1908.

At the annual Town Meeting held in March, 1908, Messrs. Walter Sampson, W. H. Southworth and Nathan Washburn were chosen to succeed themselves for the three year term ending in 1911. At the annual meeting of the Trustees Miss Alice M. Alden was chosen Librarian. Mrs. Marion K. Pratt and Misses Florence A. Robinson, Mary M. Eddy and Grace A. Bates have very faithfully performed the work of assistants.

The detail report of the work done at the Library is given in the Report of the Librarian. It is very gratifying to note the great increase of the number of books given out for home reading from year to year. The number given (53,353) means more than seven books to every man, woman and child in the town. A list of periodicals on the reading tables and the Report of the Treasurer are presented.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The thirty-fifth annual report of the Public Library is herewith submitted:

GROWTH.

The total number of books added during the year was 1,218 vols. as compared with 1,055 vols. the previous year; of these 51 were replaced, 1,066 obtained by purchase, 53 by binding of periodicals, and 48 by gift.

The total number of books now in the library is 17,221 vols. Of the new books purchased, 260 vols. were fiction, 806 vols.

non-fiction. The following is a list of gifts received during the year:

Sanity and temperance. Unitarian Temperance Society.

Premature burial. G. W. Allen.

The best reading. Mr. Geo. Brayton.

On the other side of the latch. Mr. Geo. Brayton

From Capetown to Ladysmith. Mr. Geo. Brayton.

Life of Eliza B. Wheaton. Miss Julia Osgood.

The Aztec God. G. W. Raymond, author.

Ballads. G. W. Raymond.

A life in song. Mr. G. W. Raymond.

The Torch. Misses A. & E. Thomas.

Souvenir of Mass. Legislature of 1908. Mr. J. E. Beals.

The Mormon menace. Men of Salt Lake City.

Letters from Labrador. Mrs. W. J. Durgin.

Witnesses of the light. A friend.

Ourselves and the universe. A friend.

Where does the sky begin. A friend.

Report of Life Saving service 1907. Mr. E. T. Jenks.

Vital records of Beverly, Mass. vol. 2.

“ “ “ Dover, Mass.

“ “ “ Dudley, Mass.

“ “ “ Essex, Mass.

“ “ “ Hamilton, Mass.

“ “ “ Lincoln, Mass.

“ “ “ Lynnfield, Mass.

“ “ “ Saugus, Mass.

“ “ “ Westminster, Mass.

The Hills Family in America. From Mrs. L. P. Thatcher.

Several vols. of reports from the Sec'y of State & U. S. Govt.

At the beginning of the year the first copy of the Library bulletin was issued, containing a list of new books added during the last three months of 1907. This was followed by quarterly publications in April, July and October. These have been apparently much appreciated by the public, and serve to keep the library in touch with its readers, and also with other libraries which are working along the same lines. Besides the lists of recent additions two special reading lists have been printed on these bulletins, one on outdoor life, the other on European travel.

CIRCULATION AND REGISTRATION.

The circulation of books for home reading for the year has amounted to 53,353, a gain of 8,359 over last year, and making this year's circulation the largest in the history of the library. Of this number 40,106 were fiction, 13,247 non-fiction and 16,477 or more than one-third of the entire number were issued from the Young People's room. While there has been an advance in all departments the most marked has been in this room, the gain from last year being 2,602 vols. The largest day's issue was on Feb. 25th with 370 books; the smallest Jan. 24th owing to a severe storm, when 41 books were given out.

The average daily circulation for the year was 174 vols.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Superintendent of Schools, boxes of books have been sent to two suburban schools, that in the Soule neighborhood and on the Marion road. These books are placed in the care of the teachers, the attempt being made to please all classes of readers. A report has been received from one of these schools, showing that most of the books have been used, and some have been taken many times. This method will probably be extended in the future to other schools.

The number of new borrowers' cards issued has been 390 of which 134 were children under 15 years of age. The total registration Dec. 31, 1908 was 3,054.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROOM.

The work of this room has been along the same lines as in former years. The need of more shelf room has been felt, it having become necessary to remove some of the oldest and least-used books to make room for new ones. 180 volumes have been added to this department. Bulletins for the use of the teachers and scholars in the celebration of holidays were posted for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. More teachers have taken books from this room for use in the schools than ever before. In this way many children are reached who never come to the library, and books are also read which would not probably be taken by them. The percentage of fiction from this room is much smaller than from the main library.

An increasing amount of reference work is being done by the assistants. Much credit is due to the young people for their excellent conduct while at the library.

The method of exhibiting some of the best work done in the schools in drawing etc. is being tried, Miss Mary Cook, Supervisor of Drawing being in charge. These exhibits are changed about once in two weeks, and are to be found on the north bulletin board in the delivery hall. This brings many new children to the library.

READING AND REFERENCE ROOM.

This room has been well patronized, many books having been taken temporarily for reference work of which no record has been kept. Several new reference books have been added, the leading ones being an Encyclopedia of Civil Engineering in 8 vols., Encyclopedia of Agriculture in 3 vols. and the A. L. A. portrait index.

The new periodicals, Womans Home Companion, Modern Sanitation, Catholic World, Work & Charities and the Commons are to be subscribed for this year.

Two stereoscopes have been placed in the reading rooms with views on "Switzerland" and "Children of many lands." Other views will be added from time to time.

BINDING.

401 books have been sent to the book binders, besides the leading magazines of 1907. As the ordinary binding of new books is not strong enough to resist more than a few circulations, the library has bought as many books as possible in the so called "Library bindings" which are much more durable tho costing a little more.

LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

These pictures have been received and exhibited in the art gallery on the second floor, and have been received with much interest, especially by the young people. They have been on many interesting subjects and have been changed about once in three weeks.

THE STAFF.

An addition has been made to the staff this year, Miss Grace Bates having become one of the assistants.

An opportunity was given the librarian in June to attend a three days meeting of the Mass. Library Club at Pittsfield which was much appreciated. The January meeting at the Boston Public Library was also attended. Many new and useful ideas can be obtained at these meetings which can be put into practice.

The librarian wishes to extend thanks to the trustees for their support, and to the members of the staff for the many ways in which they have cooperated to promote the usefulness of the library, also to all who have endeavored to assist in any way.

ALICE M. ALDEN,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

On hand January 1, 1908,	\$471 83	
Received from Town Treas. "Dog Licenses"		1,358 99
" from town, "other licenses,"		271 00
" interest on deposits,		13 01
" income of "Enoch Pratt Fund,"		400 00
" fines, etc., at Library,		168 61
" for old Library fixtures,		3 00
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		\$2,686 44
 Paid Librarian,	\$450 00	
" Assistants,	318 08	
" Janitor,	420 00	
" for coal,	305 21	
" lighting bills,	332 88	
" painting, repairs, etc.,	95 68	
" supplies and incidentals,	63 59	
" telephone,	16 67	
" care of lot and lawn,	55 70	
" insurance,	44 11	
" printing bills	26 25	
" sundry bills,	8 79	
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 Balance,		<hr/>
		\$549 98

PEIRCE BOOK FUND.

On hand January 1, 1908,	\$638 07
April 1. Received from Peirce Trustees,	936 77
October 5. Received from Peirce Trustees,	940 27
Received for books sold,	26 24
Received rebate on magazine subscription,	50

\$2,541 85

Paid for books,	\$1,828 68
“ papers and magazines,	233 96
“ binding and rebinding,	198 37
“ Library Bulletin,	70 00
“ Library Art Club,	6 00
“ Library of Congress cards,	25 00
“ express and carting,	23 20
“ stereoscopes,	1 49
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	\$2,386 70

Balance January 1, 1909, \$155 15

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1908—1909.

Joseph E. Beals, Secretary and Treasurer,	Term expires	1909
David G. Pratt,	“ “	1909
Kenelm Winslow,	“ “	1909
George Brayton,	“ “	1910
Edward S. Hathaway,	“ “	1910
Andrew M. Wood,	“ “	1910
Walter Sampson,	“ “	1911
W. H. Southworth, President,	“ “	1911
Nathan Washburn,	“ “	1911

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT.

Messrs Henry W. Sears, Chairman,
 Wilkes H. F. Pettee, and Lyman P. Thomas,
 Municipal Light Board, Town of Middleboro.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present the fifteenth annual report of the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1908. The figures hereafter presented will more readily show the progress the plant has made during the year past than can be expressed in words here.

Suffice to say there has been a gradual and continual increase in the Commercial and Domestic lighting end as well as the power part.

The physical condition of the electric station is better at the present time than ever before.

After the size of the water service from the Town mains is increased, which I am informed will be done as soon as some needed fittings arrive, the chances are very small indeed for the light service being interrupted by accidents.

At present as in the past we have depended on a steam pump to supply the water taken from the river for the cooling water for the cylinder jackets and producer apparatus.

Owing to the efficiency of the station force the service has been uninterrupted at that end, the only interruption occurring on the service was a small portion of one circuit being out part of one evening on account of wires becoming crossed in a tree one wet night.

More than the usual time and labor has been expended on the poles and wires this past year than ever before as may be seen from the manufacturing account.

During the year there have been set ten poles in new location and together with the telephone company replaced sixty-four old poles and changed the Town wires onto same. These poles have replaced some which have been in service more than fifteen years and had become a source of trouble and danger from being broken or nearly rotted off at the top of the ground.

About two hundred cross arms have been replaced and in all cases the new arm has increased pin capacity, that is,

where the old arm was a four pin the new arm is six pin, and a six pin replaced by a ten pin. Some of the old original lines with the insulation hanging down in strings have been replaced with new wire, but there still remain some which is not any credit to the plant, but if the present plans are carried out, new wire will be in the place of it this coming year.

The above improvements on lines with keeping an extra man in connection with that work, and changing lines over on account of the day service which entailed much Sunday work accounts for the difference of nearly six hundred dollars between this years cost of repairs of lines and wires and that of 1907.

In the early part of the year an expert was procured from the meter department of the General Electric Co. also one from the Westinghouse Co. to assist him on meters of that make who tested every meter installed. Every meter tested that could be adjusted to within 2% was left within that percent. Those of the older type not being capable of adjustment on account of age and wear were removed and those of modern type which are included in, and account for the greater number of meters bought than new customers obtained.

The plant now owns rotating standard testing meters and apparatus with which meters, the accuracy of which is questioned by the consumer, may be tested. These instruments and the experts employed cost nearly \$300 00 but it places the plant in a position not only to protect its own interests but offers a means in many cases of satisfying the customer.

In every case but one, since last June every customer who personally witnessed the testing of their meter, the correctness of which was disputed was satisfied it was within the limits allowed by the State and (cheerfully) paid their bill.

At the present time there are installed on the lines sixty-six transformers. Twenty-four of these are of obsolete type and being constructed for 125 cycles and being operated on 60 cycles the core and copper losses are so great that with the present twenty-four hour service these transformers greatly increase the loss between the station out-put and amount billed.

A certain amount of loss is unavoidable and as this loss is constant while current is on the lines a more modern and efficient transformer would soon save in fuel consumption the cost of new ones.

Another reason warranting this change is that of so much better regulation with new ones.

I believe by this change the immediate results will be more noticeable than by any other change possible to make in the equipment of the plant as a whole, with the exception of the 25 horse power boiler at the electric station which is "Economic" by name rather than by nature. Inquiries looking to this end are at present being made.

THE GAS ENGINES.

Just a few remarks concerning the gas engines to show the reliability and thereby refute some of the statements made by those who are, or were opposed at the time of installing the gas engines, to the effect that they were not reliable power, and some figures to confirm the statements of those who advocated that gas engines were cheaper to operate and better suited to the conditions existing here.

For those not familiar with the equipment installed would say, they consist of one engine of 125 H. P., one of 89 H. P. and one of 64 H. P.

The 125 and 89 horse power engines started in May 1907, the 64 engine having been installed in 1905 and using gasoline for fuel up to the time of installing the producer plant when it was changed to a producer gas engine and since operated as such.

Up to January 1st, 1909 the 125 h. p. engine has run 2977 hours and the 89 h. p. engine run 3367 hours and the 64 h. p. engine on producer gas has run $647\frac{1}{4}$ hours. A total of $6992\frac{1}{4}$ engine hours.

During that time the 125 engine has been shut down twice for about five minutes each time to replace a broken water connection on the exhaust valves and the same of the 89 engine.

During 1908 the engines run $5045\frac{1}{2}$ engine hours, and in that time the engines have never stopped except when stopped by the operators and have run as long as needed. By that I mean and wish to emphasize the fact they are not in the habit of stopping without any apparent cause as expected by some who have witnessed this occur to some one, two or five horse-power gas or gasoline engine or automobile which brings to mind more forcibly the fact that engines of this size and type must not be compared to the little ill smelling, barking engines of the sizes mentioned above, for except in the fundamental principles the gas engines used commercially today are an entirely different production. As to cost of operation.

The year of 1906 was the last year steam was used for a full year and 1908 the only year gas engines used exclusively, therefore these two years must be used for comparison. In the year of 1906 a 72 horse power gasoline engine was used in conjunction with the steam engine, and from repeated tests at that time the cost of producing the same amount of power with the gasoline engine was found to be about the same as from the steam engine, and if any difference, in favor of the gasoline engine.

Unfortunately there were no reliable station meters installed in 1906 so that the kilo-watt output might be used.

In consequence of which, the sales and fuel consumption and cost of the respective years must be used as factors in determining the relative value of the two motive powers.

Electric sales in 1906,	\$11,361.79
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Electric sales in 1908,	\$17,783.17
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1906, used 485½ tons coal costing	\$2,458 83
6345 gals. Naptha costing	793 22
Cost of fuel 1906	<u>\$3,252 05</u>

1908, used 440 tons coal costing	\$3,530 00
219½ tons coal costing	1,097 50
Cost of fuel 1908	<u>\$3,627 50</u>

1906 steam engine run	2167¼ hrs.
gasoline engine run	897½ hrs.

Total of 3064¾ engine hours.

1908 gas engines run,

125 h. p.	1647¼ hrs.
89 h. p.	2751 hrs.
64 h. p.	647¼ hrs.

Total of 5045½ engine hours.

From the above may be deduced the following:

Increase in sales in 1908 over 1906,	\$6,421 38
Increase in cost of fuel in 1908 over 1906,	375 45
Increase in engine hours in 1908 over 1906,	1980¾ hours.

Or to make it more comprehensive may be expressed as follows:

Increase in sales in 1908 over 1906	56%
Increase in cost of fuel in 1908 over 1906	11½%
Increase in engine hours in 1908 over 1906	64½%

There is one thing which must not be forgotten in these comparisons, and that is, that in 1908 our load factor with all day service was much lower than in 1906 when only night service was given, and which if taken into consideration would make a much better showing for 1908 than appears by the above.

DAY LOAD.

One of the recommendations of the committee of 1906 was that day current be furnished and a power load canvassed for.

After vainly trying to induce parties who would most likely be benefited by adopting electric motors as a motive power and discard the power they were using, concluded the best way to advertise the fact that electric power was the cheapest and best was to start a day service. which was done the first part of April.

After inducing one man to install a 5 horse-power motor the day service was started with that to practically demonstrate the reliability of the service and that electric power was cleaner, cheaper and more convenient.

From this small beginning there has been a gradual but continual increase in motor installations so that at the present time the plant is furnishing current to fifteen G. E. motors, three of other makes, aggregating nearly 80 horse-power divided as follows:

1	25 h. p.	3 phase.
7	5 h. p.	3 phase.
2	3 h. p.	3 phase.
4	2 h. p.	3 phase.
1	1 h. p.	single phase.
3	½ h. p.	single phase.
2 coffee grinders and 2 dental lathes.		

Application has already been made for five others aggregating about 10 horse-power to be installed early in 1909.

BILLS PAYABLE.

Belcher-Loomis Hardware Co.,	\$29 97
Borne-Scrymser Co.,	13 00
Nathaniel Bump,	4 58
Bryant & Soule,	1,508 00
Curry Oil & Supply Co.,	13 63
M. H. Cushing Co.,	53 56
J. & G. W. Doane,	47 16
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.,	60 95
L. E. Forup & Co.,	25 90
General Electric Co.,	881 79
G. E. Gilchrist & Co.,	58 84
C. W. Maxim,	52 65
McKenney & Waterbury Co.,	25 02
Tufts Meter Co.,	41 73
Middleboro News Publishing Co.,	10 50
Presbrey Stove Lining Co.,	29 88
Pettingell-Andrews Co.,	69 80
Lloyd Perkins 2nd.,	47 97
Standard Oil of N. Y.,	40 50
Texas Co.,	210 74
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	52 25
Valvoline Oil Co.,	14 45
Westinghouse Elec. Mfg. Co.,	53 06
Wetmore-Savage Co.,	73 58
Wylie Bros.,	45 52
Middleboro Fire District,	8 87
Total	<hr/> \$3,474 85

ACCOUNTS FOR WHICH BILLS ARE PAYABLE.

Coal,	\$1,508 95
Supply Account,	735 97
Fuel Oil,	251 24
Repair Electric Plant,	91 89

Repair Lines & Wires,	\$83 15
“ Gas Works,	117 95
“ Steam plant,	8 28
“ Gas engines,	32 13
“ Gas producers,	8 91
“ mains & services,	2 58
“ water plant,	20 21
“ real estate(electric),	8 73
“ real estate (gas),	8 27
“ series street lights,	20 55
“ electric meters,	13 08
“ gas meters,	41 73
“ arc lamps,	10 80
Oil & waste,	65 55
Stable account,	58 56
Tools & appliances,	15 79
Carbons,	25 90
Water,	8 87
Office supplies & furniture,	78 75
Suburban lighting,	14 45
Construction,	
Electric meters,	\$136 05
Lines & wires,	94 93
Mains & services,	11 58
Total,	<hr/> \$3,474 85

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

(Which include the December sales or January 1 bills.)

Gas,	\$1,040 45
Commercial Incandescent,	3,674 62
Domestic Incandescent,	1,961 45
Commercial Arcs,	199 75
Power,	372 52
Supply Account,	270 92
Total	<hr/> \$7,519 71

SALES.

	1908	1907
Gas	\$3,703 66	\$3,267 36
Commercial Incandescent	11,242 09	8,089 94
Domestic Incandescent	4,874 48	4,046 54
Power	1,033 60	
Commercial Arcs	633 00	2,144 00
Supply Account	1,646 39	28 43
Total	\$23,133 22	\$17,576 27

Total increase in sales in 1908 over 1907,	\$5,556 95
Total increase in sales exclusive of Supplies,	3,938 99
Increase in gas sales 1908 over 1907,	436 30
Increase in electric sales in 1908 over 1907,	3,502 69

CUSTOMERS.

	Jan. 1 1908.	Jan. 1 1909.	Increase.	Decrease.
Gas	47	41		6
Electric	233	238	5	
Gas & Electric	58	105	47	
Total	338	384	46	

Meters installed:

Electric	397
Gas	172

Meters purchased and installed during the year:

Single phase for Commercial and Domestic lighting	51
Single phase for Power	1
Poly-phase for Power	13
Poly-phase for Station switch-board	1
Total	66

STREET LIGHTS.

	Total number of nights run.	Total number of hours run.	Average number of nights run per month.	Average number of hours run per night.
Circuit No. 1 (12 arcs and 1 incandescent, all night service).	333	2,415 $\frac{1}{4}$	28	7 hrs. 15 min.
Circuit No. 2 (12 arcs and 29 incandescents, midnight service).	286	1,275 $\frac{3}{4}$	24	4 hrs. 24 min.
Circuit No. 3 (2 arcs and 143 incandescent midnight service).	285	1,274	24	4 hrs. 28 min.

Carbons used for street lamps, 536.

GAS MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Salaries and Labor.

General Salaries	\$624 00	
Clerical and collector	164 67	
Wages at gas station	569 62	
	<hr/>	\$1,358 29

Material & Supplies.

Fuel Oil	\$1,552 29	
Coal	298 63	
Water	92 51	
	<hr/>	1,943 43

Maintenance.

Repairs Real Estate	\$37 97	
“ Works	315 29	
“ Mains & Services	101 09	
“ Meters	138 23	
	<hr/>	\$592 58

Sundry Expenses.

Stable Account	66 15	
General Office Expenses	180 91	
	<hr/>	\$ 247 06

Total Expenses		<hr/>	\$4,141 36
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Total debits			\$4,141 36
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GAS MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

From sale of gas	\$3,703 66	
Less discount and rebate	172 25	
	<hr/>	\$3,531 41
Total Income		<hr/> \$3,531 41
Balance to Profit & Loss (loss)		609 95
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Total Credits	\$4,141 36
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ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Salaries & Labor.

General salaries	\$780 00	
Clerical & collector	494 00	
Wages at Station	\$4,094 60	
Wages care lights	79 40	
	<hr/>	\$5,448 00

Material & Supplies.

Coal	\$4,779 43	
Carbons	18 24	
Water	16 00	
Naphtha	5 25	
Oil & Waste	178 37	
	<hr/>	\$4,997 29

Maintenance.

Repairs Lines & Wires	\$1,237 39	
“ Electric Plant	426 22	
“ Steam Plant	73 75	
“ WaterPlant	43 55	
“ Gas engine Plant	173 06	
“ Producer Plant	56 68	
“ Real Estate	132 13	
“ Meters	308 51	
“ Arc Lamps	20 14	
“ Series Street Inc.	110 83	
	<hr/>	\$2,582 26

Sundry Expenses.

Stable Account	\$595 26	
General Office Expense	180 93	
Insurance	42 00	
		\$818 19.

Total Expenses,	\$13,845 74
Balance to Profit & Loss (profit)	2,179 82
Total Debits	<hr/> \$16,025 56

ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

From Commercial Arc Lamps	\$633 00	
Less discount & rebate	116 20	
	<hr/>	\$516 80
From Commercial Incandescent	\$11,242 09	
Less discount & rebate	1,378 40	
	<hr/>	9,863 69
From Domestic Incandescent	\$ 4,874 48	
Less discount & rebate	246 47	
	<hr/>	4,628 01
From Power	\$1,033 60	
Less discount & rebate	33 26	
	<hr/>	1,000 34
Repair Arc Lamps		16 72
Total Income		<hr/> \$16,025 56

Total Credits	\$16,025 56
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BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1908.

Appropriation Bonds		\$22,500 00
" Construction		29,842 26
" Extraordinary Repairs		2,890 00
" Notes		18,000 00
Bills Payable		3,474 85
Bonds Outstanding		52,500 00
Depreciation Cash		221 89
Notes Payable		21,200 00
Supply Account		389 38
Arc Lamps	\$912 92	
Electric Plant	4,087 88	
Gas Engine Plant	14,483 51	
Gas Bench	108 09	
General Cash	358.97	
Horse & Wagon	101 50	
Income Account, gas	1,040 44	
" " C. I.	3,674 62	
" " D. I.	1,961 45	
" " C. A.	219 60	
" " Jobbing	270 92	
" " Power	372 52	
Inventory	934 10	
Lines & Wires	5,940 19	
Machinery, Gas	4,489 63	
Meters, Gas	1,010 22	
Meters, Electric	6,234 40	
Multiple Incand. Lamps	91 20	
Office furniture	158 39	
Producer Plant	5,716 21	
Real Estate, Gas	3,474 50	
Real Estate, Electric	10,338 44	
Series Incandescent	392 95	
Steam Plant	1,913 30	
Street Mains	3,005 38	
Suspense Account	731 80	
Tools & Appliances, Gas	149 30	
Tools & Appliances, Electric	567 92	
Town Treas. Cash	685 18	
Transformers	2,899 23	
Water Plant	9,840 80	
Petty Ledger, (New Machinery)	1,096 82	
Balance	63,756 01	
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	\$151,018 38	\$151,018 38

DEPRECIATION FUND.

EXPENDED FOR

Arc Lamps	\$34 20
Electric Plant	194 63
Lines & Wires	1,504 56
Meters, Gas	45 50
Meters, Electric	1,630 67
Gas Mains	52 85
Transformers	1,163 86
Machinery, Gas	200 12
Gas Engine Plant	158 82
Water Plant	120 00
Gas Plant	142 30
Wagon	125 00
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	\$5,372 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bryant & Soule,	\$3,575 18
M. H. Cushing Co.,	60 48
Seth L. Vickery,	338 64
Pettingell-Andrews Co.,	455 88
Belcher-Loomis Hardware Co.,	49 18
Stuart-Howland Co.,	23 52
Cutter, Wood & Stevens,	54 00
Wagner Electric Co.,	77 50
Pay Roll	8,916 35
Wylie Bros.,	35 68
Chandler-Farquhar Co.,	31 30
Lloyd Perkins 2nd,	71 91
C. W. Maxim,	76 56
So. Mass. Telephone Co.,	89 12
C. P. Washburn,	87 30
T. G. Ford,	49 39
American Tool & Machine Co.,	5 25
Allen & Reed,	6 40
A. C. Cosseboom,	7 00
Harold L. Bond,	7 00
Wetmore-Savage Co.,	73 12
T. W. Pierce,	88 15
George E. Gilchrist,	110 79

Wm. H. Gallison,	\$ 5 26
Westinghouse Machine Co.,	177 21
Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co.,	1,035 29
General Electric Co.,	3,014 34
Cling-Surface Co.,	12 25
Holman-Maurer Mfg. Co.,	5 80
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.,	95 95
American Oil Co.,	8 02
Valvoline Oil Co.,	65 14
Curry Oil & Supply Co.,	38 74
Presbrey Stove Lining Co.,	28 60
J. K. & B. Sears,	144 64
LeValley-Vitae Carbon Brush Co.,	11 28
Walworth Mfg. Co.	11 15
Middleboro Fire District,	116 39
Gulf Refining Co.,	806 00
The Texas Co.,	264 15
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	51 95
Hartford Steam Boiler Insp. & Insur. Co.,	40 00
Frank Ridlon,	53 38
Standard Oil of N. Y.,	179 80
Standard Chemical Co.,	18 48
Matchless Mfg. Co.,	1 50
F. C. Norris,	34 95
Nathaniel Bump,	12 19
C. H. Thomas,	27 00
Otis Briggs,	265 00
Byers & Smith,	188 00
A. F. Whitcomb,	21 85
T. G. Sisson,	25
Esterbrook & Company,	4,180 00
Amos H. Eaton, (Treas. E. Pratt fund)	48 00
Josse Parker,	800 00
James Hunter Machine Co.,	120 00
J. & G. E. Doane,	304 97
Samuel Ward,	3 30
Wm. S. Morey,	2 65
Loomis-Pettibone Co.,	128 60
Bay State Belting Co.,	13 96
Mrs. C. M. Besse,	40 00
Smith & Hathaway,	2 54
Herbert A. Sullivan,	2 00
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co.,	8 65
Tufts Meter Co.,	87 21

E. J. Kelley,	\$ 64
F. A. Shockley,	125 00
Globe Gas Light Co.,	72 13
Kimball Bros. & Sprague,	11 90
Enterprise Rubber Co.,	3 43
W. F. Dean,	4 55
E. T. Jenks,	1 26
C. E. Ryder,	6 00
Mrs. Chas. W. Soule,	28 75
J. F. McCormick,	2 16
A. S. Tallman,	2 00
Globe Stamp Works,	1 50
Lorenzo Wood,	12 00
Jones Bros. Co.,	2 00
DeForge Bros.,	4 50
A. A. Penniman,	50 25
A. L. Champlin,	10 00
P. H. Pierce Co.,	2 00
Old Colony Express,	8 47
Middleboro Post Office,	77 83
George A. Philbrook,	55 88
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.	165 03
N. Y. & Boston Dispatch Express,	47 20
Total,	<hr/> \$27,460 54

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

BONDS.

1908			1908	
Apr. 29	Appropriation	\$2,000 00	Dec. 31	Order drawn \$2,000 00

INTEREST.

1908			1908	
Jan. 1	Balance	\$244 44		
Dec. 31	Transferred from			
	Income	2,783 56	Dec. 31	Orders drawn \$3,028 00
		<u>\$3,028 00</u>		<u>\$3,028 00</u>

COMMISSIONERS SALARIES.

1908			1908	
Apr. 29	Appropriation	\$150 00	Dec. 31	Balance \$150 00

SUBURBAN LIGHTING.

1908			1908	
Jan. 1	Balance	\$184 04		
Apr. 29	Appropriation	300 00		
Dec. 31	Overdrawn	13 10	Dec. 31	Orders drawn \$497 14
		<u>\$497 14</u>		<u>\$497 14</u>

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

1908			1908	
Jan. 1	Balance	\$500 00	Dec. 31	Balance \$500 00

DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT.

1908			1908	
Jan. 1	Balance	\$150 62		
Apr. 29	Appropriation	5,000 00		
Dec. 31	Overdrawn	221 89	Dec. 31	Orders drawn \$5,372 51
		<u>\$5,372 51</u>		<u>\$5,372 51</u>

DRAINAGE.

1908			1908	
Jan. 1	Balance	\$300 00	Dec. 31	Balance \$300 00

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

1908			1908		
Jan. 1	Bal. in Town				
	Treas.	\$429 76	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	\$16,562 89
	Cash in office	87 37		Bal. in Town	Treas. 283 31
Dec. 31	Income from				
	Gas and Elec.	19,370 04		Cash in office	358 97
	Sale of old			Transferred to Interest	
	material	101 56		account	2,783 56
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		\$19,988 73			\$19,988 73

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PHILBROOK.

General Manager.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

FOR 1908.



FALL RIVER, MASS.

ATHEARN PUBLISHING CO., PRINTERS, 43 FOURTH ST.
1909.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ORGANIZATION, 1908—1909.

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES H. BATES, *Secretary.*

MEMBERS.

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS, 57 So. Main St., Term expires 1909
 NATHAN WASHBURN, 70 So. Main St., Term expires 1909
 E. T. P. JENKS, 26 North Main St., Term expires 1910
 CHARLES S. TINKHAM, 11 Courtland St., Term expires 1910
 WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH, 7 West St., Term expires 1911
 SUSAN L. CUSHMAN, 77 So. Main St., Term expires 1911

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

CHARLES H. BATES, 103 So. Main Street.

Telephone, 81-5.

Office, Room 7, Town Hall.

Telephone, 81-6

Office Hours, school days: Mondays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M.;
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.;
 Wednesdays, 6.30 to 7.30 P. M.

Regular meetings of the Committee are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, at 7.30 P. M.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

Regular Committee Meetings, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

High, Union Street and West Side Schools,

W. H. SOUTHWORTH

School Street, Fall Brook, Wappanucket and Marion Road
Schools

NATHAN WASHBURN

Waterville, Green and Thomastown Schools,

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS

Pleasant Street, Plymouth Street and Purchase Schools,

CHARLES S. TINKHAM

Nemasket, Thompsonville, Soule and Main Street Schools,

E. T. P. JENKS

Forest Street, Rock, South Middleboro and Highland Schools.

MISS SUSAN L. CUSHMAN

TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO.

In School Committee.

January 7, 1909.

Voted: That the reports of the Secretary of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Principal of the High School, Supervisors of Music and Drawing, be adopted and presented to the Town by the School Board.

CHARLES H. BATES,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 7, 1909.

To the Citizens of Middleboro:—

The following financial report of the School Committee is hereby respectfully submitted:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CURRENT EXPENDITURES.

DR.

Balance from last year	\$9 92
Appropriation	28,514 00
State Board of Lunacy and Charity, tuition	498 50
City of Boston, tuition	215 00
Town of Lakeville, tuition	621 50
Town of Plympton, tuition	55 00
Town of Rochester, tuition	77 00
Rent of Assembly Hall	40 00
Else L. Cole, tuition High School	55 00
Florence G. Washburn, tuition High School	55 00
Merrill Sampson, tuition Grammar School	10 00
Incidentals	10 25
	\$30,161 17

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Salaries	\$23,143 60
Care of buildings	2,127 55
Fuel	2,374 92
Books and Supplies	1,506 53
Printing	212 32
Sundries	631 71
Rent	364 00
	\$30,360 63
Overdrawn	\$199 46

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES.

	Dr.	
Appropriation		\$150 00
	Cr.	
W. H. Southworth		\$25 00
Nathan Washburn		25 00
W. A. Andrews		25 00
C. S. Tinkham		25 00
E. T. P. Jenks		25 00
Miss Susan L. Cushman		25 00
		<hr/> \$150 00

TRANSPORTATION.

	Dr.	
Appropriation		\$1,750 00
Balance from last year		163 58
		<hr/> \$ 1,913 58
	Cr.	
Expended		\$1,912 45
Unexpended		<hr/> \$1 13

REPAIRS.

	Dr.	
Appropriation		\$1,000 00
Balance from last year		7 82
		<hr/> \$1,007 82
	Cr.	
Expended		\$1,007 82

SUMMARY.

Whole amount available for school purposes	\$33,232 57
Total Expenditures	33,430 90
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Overdrawn	\$198 33

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.
INSTRUCTION.

High School	\$5,450 00
School Street	4,009 50
Union Street	1,269 00
Main Street	891 50
Forest Street	889 00
West Side	1,871 00
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	\$14,380 00

Suburban Schools:

Pleasant Street	\$380 00
Plymouth Street	380 00
Purchade	368 00
Nemasket	355 60
Thompsonville	342 00
Soule	380 00
Waterville	368 00
Green	380 00
Fall Brook	380 00
Thomastown	365 00
South Middleboro	380 00
Highland	345 00
Rock	380 00
Wappanucket	380 00
Marion Road	380 00
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	\$5,563 60

Special Teachers.

Music	\$600 00
Drawing	\$600 00

JANITORS.

Central Schools:

Main Street Building	\$502 50
Union Street and Main Street Primary Buildings	400 00
School Street Building	495 00
Forest Street Building	150 00
West Side Building	220 00
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	\$1,767 50

Suburban Schools:

Pleasant Street	\$38 00
Plymouth Street	38 00
Purchade	14 15
Nemasket	30 75
Thompsonville	13 95
Soule	38 00
Waterville	38 00
Green	14 90
Fall Brook	13 65
Thomastown	19 00
Rock	38 00
South Middleboro	16 25
Highland	15 65
Wappanucket	17 75
Marion Road	14 00
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	\$360 05

FUEL.

Central Schools:

James L. Jenney	\$1,356 45
Bryant & Soule	312 78
B. C. Shaw	30 25
Walter Bryant	3 00
Job N. Cole	7 00
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	\$1,709 48

Suburban Schools:

T. C. Savery	\$90 76
C. N. Atwood	18 50
Josiah H. Thomas	16 50
J. L. Benson & Co.	45 00
B. C. Shaw	94 50
A. T. Clark, Jr.	26 50
C. S. Tinkham	8 75
H. C. Thomas	1 50
A. H. Soule	21 63
Clark Cole Co.	32 00
Bryant & Soule	67 47
Bradford K. Cushman	30 00
James L. Jenney	27 68

Isaac E. Perkins	\$112 00
Orien E. Deane	17 00
Henry T. Clark	55 65
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	\$665 44

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books	\$98 64
D. C. Heath & Co., books	45 47
William R. Jenkins Co., books	3 86
Thorp, Martin Co., supplies	2 95
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	865 70
J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies	88 73
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover, books	3 40
Harlas L. Cushman, supplies	20 00
Levi L. Crane, supplies	3 60
Milton, Bradley Co., supplies	26 28
Carter, Rice & Co., supplies	1 80
H. L. Thatcher & Co., supplies	9 00
Smith & Hathaway, supplies	16 33
Ginn & Co., books	124 20
David Farquhar, rebinding books	22 78
Thompson, Brown & Co., books	7 69
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., books	8 34
Oliver Ditson, books	6 75
Silver, Burdette & Co., books	35 12
Allyn & Bacon, books	14 59
Thomas J. McEvoy, books	1 50
Charles Scribner's Sons, books	97 32
Hinds, Noble and Eldredge, books	2 48
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	\$1,506 53

PRINTING.

Middleboro News	42 25
Middleboro Gazette	95 20
H. L. Thatcher & Co.	74 87
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	\$212 32

SUNDRIES.

Geo. W. Hammond, salary as truant officer	\$5 00
N. Y. & B. Despatch Ex. Co., express	19 75
A. G. Hayes, care of sewer	5 00

S. S. Lovell, salary as truant officer and sundries	33	38
Mid. Gas & Electric Plant, gas and electric lights	55	24
Thomas W. Pierce, sundries	37	43
So. Mass. Telephone Co., telephone rental	41	97
Middleboro Fire District, water at West Side	18	00
Fred N. Whitman, sundries	2	80
Dustbane Mfg. Co., sundries	10	00
S. E. Matthews, removing ashes	17	85
Mrs. John Curley, cleaning school house	3	75
C. H. Packard, repairing clock		75
George Powers, sundries	1	25
Geo. L. Finney, sundries	7	92
T. G. Sisson, cartage and freight	12	46
Leo A. Quindley, sundries	1	50
The Formacone Co., disinfectants	12	00
F. W. Martin, engrossing diplomas	9	50
Chas. S. Tinkham, sundries	8	25
Albert E. Drake, sundries	6	00
Leonard O. Tillson, sundries	4	97
Louis Ritter, sundries	1	60
Marion W. Sisson, engrossing certificates	3	00
John Syverson, sundries	4	50
R. F. Thompson, sundries	4	28
Charles Anderson, sundries	1	75
Lela C. I. Smith, sundries		45
Walter Sampson, sundries	6	67
Thos. T. Westgate, water for Rock School	5	00
J. & G. E. Doane, sundries	25	61
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., sundries	1	79
Mrs. Leo P. Courtney, cleaning school houses	15	00
A. R. Dunham, sundries	2	00
Jones Bros. Co., sundries	79	14
F. J. Sumner & Son, repairing clock		50
Geo. H. Place, horse hire	13	50
Zenas E. Phinney, sundries	20	15
W. H. Goodwin, sundries	3	50
Carrie L. Jones, taking school census	55	00
Otis Briggs, horse hire	2	00
H. C. Keith, sharpening lawn mowers	3	50
H. A. Coffin, sundries	2	50
F. E. Pierce, sundries	2	75
James A. Burgess, cleaning school houses	62	75

\$631 71

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

George L. Barney	\$5 65
Ruth M. Davis	5 75
Willis C. Holcomb	4 90
Ethel Macomber	5 60
Clarence H. Wilbur	9 80
Mary C. Azevedo	17 20
Winsor A. Carver	9 50
Ella G. Glendall	1 75
Orton C. Newhall	9 50
Arthur C. Ripley	28 20
Celesta O. Shaw	28 00
Alfred E. Standish	9 45
Ernest E. Thomas	9 50
Leslie M. Thomas	9 40
Lyman H. Thomas	18 00
Susan A. Bishop	9 50
Alice C. Dunham	9 05
Elsie H. Dunham	9 20
Marian F. Dunham	9 45
Florence A. Hunt	17 50
Emil B. Perry	9 50
Carrie L. Murch	13 20
Lillian A. Ward	28 20
Allerton E. Wilbur	9 50
Harold A. Williams	8 65
Elmer G. Allan	9 40
Helen M. Braley	19 00
Merton L. Braley	19 00
Harold W. Gibbs	9 25
Mildred L. Gibbs	9 20
Sadie McCrillis	2 65
Marion H. Thomas	9 45
Waldo S. Thomas	9 30
Sarah A. Vaughan	17 80
Minnie E. Westgate	9 25
Annie H. Wilbur	18 90
Ellis M. Wilbur	18 80
Verne L. Poland	1 55
Ida L. Bearse	7 30
Florence M. Carver	3 65
Myrtie S. Davis	45
Earle W. Drake	3 65

Nahum Harden	\$2 70
Martha W. Keith	3 65
Percy N. Lane	3 65
Ethel F. Morrison	10 80
Rena B. Poland	7 55
Albert F. Soule	10 95
Florence W. Swett	3 65
Margaret E. Thomas	7 30
Ralph W. Tripp	7 30
Roy W. Tripp	7 20
Lawrence W. Wilbur	7 30
J. Clark Wilmot	6 30
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	\$542 60

TRANSPORTATION TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL TEAMS.

Pleasant Street, R. W. Thorson	\$352 00
Thomastown, Dana H. Shaw	356 00
South Middleboro, C. E. Blackwell	409 50
Thompsonville, David N. Wetherbee	155 25
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	\$1,272 75

INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION.

SCHOOL STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ralph Tripp	11 20
Roy Tripp	11 10
Lawrence W. Wilber	11 50
Flossie M. Carver	6 00
Margaret Thomas	11 30
Ethel F. Morrison	17 25
Ida Bearse	12 05
Florence Sweet.	5 35
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	\$85 75

SOUTH MIDDLEBORO SCHOOL.

T. J. LeBaron	\$9 35
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WEST SIDE SCHOOL.

Michael Oliver	2 00
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REPAIRS.

M. W. Baxter, labor at Purchase, Pleasant St. and and Forest St. schools	\$10 50
C. W. Maxim, material	32
J. & G. E. Doane, labor and material	227 52
Thomas W. Pierce, labor and material	35 28
Thomas & Benn, labor and material	81 26
E. H. Blake, labor	16 25
Tremaine Electric Co., labor and material School Street School	32 95
Chas. S. Tinkham paid cash for labor	9 15
F. E. Pierce, labor High School	9 55
Jones Bros. Co., labor Forest St. School	2 70
James A. Burgess, suburban schools	24 80
M. O. Rounseville, labor at Highland School	16 70
Fred C. Sparrow, labor and material Green School	35 25
Lloyd Perkins, labor High School	14 38
American Seating Co., furniture, Main St. School	15 50
T. F. Boucher, labor and material High School	7 10
Eben Jones, labor and material	211 34
C. H. Crowell, labor and material West Side and Purchase Schools	72 23
H. L. Clapp, labor High School	15 00
Chas. W. Swett, labor Rock School	3 00
John R. Reid, labor and material Forest St. School	20 00
Geo. W. Starbuck, labor and material Nemasket School	13 36
Geo. D. Deane, labor Nemasket School	25 23
Fred L. Hanson, labor Thompsonville School	1 10
James B. Tripp, labor and material South Middle- boro School	12 65
Fred A. Johnson, labor and material Thompson- ville and Nemasket Schools	44 39
N. E. Brick Co., material Nemasket School	6 95
Josiah T. Carver, labor and material Plymouth St. School	43 36
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	\$1,007 82

COMPARATIVE EXPENSE TABLE.

1905-1908.

	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Instruction,superin- tendence, care of buildings, and fuel	\$23,944 77	\$24,393 18	\$26,679 59	\$27,646 07
Books and supplies	1,368 80	1,667 42	1,665 61	1,506 53
Printing	160 80	208 40	173 77	212 32
Sundries	600 78	589 64	470 45	631 71
Transportation to High School	683 80	765 12	511 59	542 60
Transportation to Elementary Schools	2,052 20	1,375 18	1,398 53	1,369 85
Repairs	1,000 00	1,558 44	1,025 80	1,007 82
Insurance			648 00	
Rent		300 00	300 00	364 00

CHARLES H. BATES, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TWENTY-FOURTH IN THE SERIES.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 7, 1909.

To the School Committee of Middleboro:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is respectfully submitted.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

The total enrollment for the year was 1,492, a loss of 9; the average membership 1,275, an increase of 14; the average daily attendance 1,178, an increase of 6; the percentage of daily attendance to average membership 92.4, a loss of .5. It is gratifying to note that the decrease in the number of tardy marks was 935.

The teachers are to be commended for their efforts to secure good attendance.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Attention is again called to the congestion at the South Middleboro School. The past term the school had an enrollment of 52 pupils with eight grades. This is relieved slightly the present term by transferring the ninth grade of four pupils to the School Street school. Next year the school will probably be still larger. Either the upper grades should be transferred to the Central Schools or the present building should be enlarged to a two room building.

The membership at the West Side school is rapidly increasing and soon the building can only be used for primary and intermediate grades. A new building at the centre will soon be needed. When that is provided it will make possible the transferring of pupils in the suburban schools near the Centre to the central graded schools and also do away with the Chapel as a school building, for the rental of which the town is paying nearly \$400 00 a year.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

While the work of the schools has been continued along nearly the same lines as during the previous year, yet some very important changes have been made which have been productive of most gratifying results.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS COURSE.

The most inspiring thing in connection with the High School the past year was the introduction of a business course, made possible by the acceptance of the offer of the trustees of the Pierce Fund to meet all the necessary expenses of such a course for a period of two years. This offer included the purchasing of seats and business desks for the commercial room, all the typewriters, text books and necessary supplies.

The action of the trustees has greatly widened the scope of usefulness of the school. The course is open to students the last two years of their course, and is especially recommended for post graduate work. Students who have finished the prescribed work in one of the other courses can return for a year's work in the strictly business studies. The work has started under most favorable conditions and the outlook for a successful department is very promising.

CHANGES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

In connection with the work in the elementary schools the following changes are noted:

1. The dropping of bookkeeping from the ninth grade and giving the time to review arithmetic. This change will give opportunity for much needed drill work in oral and written arithmetic.

2. The eliminating of all abstract number work in the first grade. This change has proved highly beneficial, giving more time for other necessary work.

3. The adoption of a new system of reading in the primary grades. This has met with gratifying results.

4. The adoption of a new United States History for the upper Grammar grades. The teachers are much pleased with the change.

5. The adoption of a speller for the ninth grade. Up to this year no text book in spelling has been used by the ninth grade. The change has emphasized the work and was beneficial.

6. The dropping of Physical Geography in the ninth grade and extending the study of common school geography through the year. This was a practical change and highly commended by the teachers.

7. The introduction of a revised edition of the arithmetic in many of the schools. This gives a text book emphasizing more modern features.

8. The introduction of a new method of teaching penmanship in the Union Street schools. The results are so satisfactory that an extension of the work is desirable.

9. The substitution of simple exercises in the Assembly hall in the afternoon for the graduation of ninth grade pupils for the more elaborate exercises in the town hall in the evening. The change was much appreciated and a step in the right direction towards curtailing unnecessary expenditure of time and money.

10. Library Extension Plan. With the cooperation of the library trustees the plan of extending the facilities of the public library by having two suburban schools for branch libraries to be carried on in the same way as the Central library, 25 volumes or more being sent from time to time to each of these schools; the teachers acting as librarians, was successfully put in operation the past term. It is hoped that the plan may be extended to other suburban schools.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

There are now 35 schools—one High and 34 elementary—having 44 teachers—42 regular and 2 special. During the year there have been 12 withdrawals, 12 appointments and 5 transfers.

As a whole the schools are doing good work and the town is to be congratulated on having such a faithful, progressive, and enthusiastic corps of teachers.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

There have been 90 teachers meetings held the past year. These included general meetings, grade meetings, conference meetings, principals' meetings, suburban meetings and suburban institutes. The Teachers' Association held a number of very interesting meetings. Many of these meetings were conducted along new lines and were productive of beneficial results.

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS.

By vote of the board a training class was formed last September. The class has numbered eight members. The work is along the same lines as formerly with a few exceptions. Of the present corps of teachers 14 are graduates of the training class in past years.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

In June an exhibition of industrial maps and charts made by the pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the Central schools was held in the town hall. The exhibit received much favorable commendation.

GIFTS AND SCHOOL DECORATION.

Many gifts of pictures, school organs and articles of school equipment have been received during the year.

A few schools have raised money for school room decoration by holding school fairs and by selling different articles. School Street School last May held a very successful fair in the town hall and netted \$200.00 which sum was expended for pictures for the building. Rock school last November netted over \$42.00 from a fair and purchased an organ. The proceeds of the Turner Exhibit secured many fine pictures and pieces of statuary for the High School.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

The no school signal which had been discontinued for two years was restored at the February meeting of the board 1908. Since that date it has been sounded once.

STAMP SAVING SYSTEM.

This is now on its fifth year and under the direction of the Cabot Club has had marked success. Beginning with a working capital of \$25.00 it is now necessary to have \$125.00 for carrying on the work.

EAR AND EYE TESTS.

The only part of the State law pertaining to medical inspection carried out in the schools is that relating to the testing

by the teachers of the vision and hearing of pupils. Last October these tests resulted as follows: Number examined 1,328; number deficient in vision 186; in hearing 39.

SUGGESTIONS.

A few suggestions in the line of school work are here presented for consideration.

1. Employment of a Supervisor of Penmanship.

Placing the work in writing under a trained Supervisor who could instruct the teachers in regard to the work and occasionally visit the schools to direct and inspect the same would do much to improve a practical branch of study.

2. Manual Training.

Some form of manual training for boys and girls should form a part of the school curriculum. Until it can be placed on a practical, permanent basis it should not be introduced. If a manual training school could be added to the school equipment it would be a practical part of an industrial training everywhere considered so essential a part of an education today.

3. School for backward children.

The placing of pupils not able to keep step with those of their age in a school by themselves where they could receive special instruction until able to enter the grades where they ought to be is a practical plan and could be carried out at the Centre at a small expenditure.

4. Stereopticon outfit for Assembly Hall.

So much valuable instruction could be given in teaching history, geography and other subjects by the aid of a stereopticon that it would be a most desirable addition to the school equipment. Such an investment could reach nearly all the schools.

5. Teachers' Salaries.

The increased cost in living and the difficulty in securing good teachers have caused many places to increase the compensation of teachers. An increase in the appropriations of \$1,000.00 would allow an increase of one dollar a week to 28 female teachers in the elementary schools. The salaries paid in many of the smaller towns near Middleboro are 20 per cent higher than those received here.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BATES,

Superintendent of Schools.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. C. H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—

The following is a brief report of the High school for the year 1908. The year has been a successful one. The teachers as ever have been united in their efforts to secure the best results, all the departments have done very satisfactory work, and the school spirit was never better. Our enlarged accommodations are appreciated more and more, and their effect upon the school is very salutary.

The Art Exhibit held early in the year for the purpose of raising funds for purchasing statuary and pictures for school decoration was successful in every way. There were purchased with the proceeds busts of Washington, Grant, Agassiz and Sumner, and the following pictures: "Pilgrims Going to Church", "Blind Milton Dictating Paradise Lost," "The Arch of Constantine," "The Acropolis at Athens" and a portrait of Edison.

The most important change in the school during the past year has been the introduction of a business course into the curriculum. It has been deemed advisable for those wishing to avail themselves of such a course to postpone it as late in their school work as possible. No pupil is allowed to elect any of the branches until the third year. Pupils are encouraged not to begin the work until the Senior year, and finish the course as post-graduate work. If they can afford the time we think it still better to complete one of the regular courses and take the business course as post-graduates. All business schools prefer High school graduates. The reason for this is obvious. A mind well trained in the culture studies is better able to adapt itself to the special features of a business course. Graduates from our High school in the regular courses are privileged to take advantage of an excellent business training right at home, free from cost to themselves and equivalent to what they would receive at any of the established business schools. Fourteen graduates of last year

are availing themselves of this opportunity. - The course is financed by the Peirce Trustees and the department is under the instruction of Mr. A. P. Dorman.

The annual graduation of the High School was held in the Town Hall, Friday evening, June 19. The class numbered 38, the largest in the history of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,

Principal of the High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Supt. of Schools:

Dear Sir:—

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you my annual report as supervisor of music the past year. Please allow me in the beginning to quote from Robert G. Ingersoll's reply to the toast "Music, Noblest of Arts":

"Music expresses feeling and thought, without language. It was below and before speech, and it is above and beyond all words. Beneath the waves is the sea—above the clouds is the sky.

Before man found a name for any thought, or thing, he had hopes and fears and passions, and these were rudely expressed in tones.

Of one thing, however, I am certain, and that is, that music was born of love. Had there never been any human affection there never could have been uttered a strain of music. Possibly some mother, looking in the eyes of her babe, gave the first melody to the enraptured air.

Language is not subtle enough, tender enough, to express all that we feel; and when language fails, the highest and deepest longings are translated into music. Music is the sunshine—the climate—of the soul, and it floods the heart with a perfect June.

I am also satisfied that the greatest music is the most marvelous mingling of love and death. Love is the greatest of all passions, and death is its shadow. Death gets all its terror from love, and love gets its intensity, its radiance, its glory, and its rapture, from the darkness of death. Love is a flower that grows on the edge of the grave."

So far as I can see the music in our public schools is in a very satisfactory condition. With few exceptions the Suburban schools are doing excellent work. The High school never (in my time) has done the work it is doing now. It seems to be the feeling of the whole school to do its best. We have some visitors, I wish we might have more. Good work needs the encouragement of friends and parents.

As I have said many times before we need a new piano, a course in musical history, and a course in elementary harmony, especially for those students who intend to become teachers. We cannot lose four years in High school and hope to make up in the Normal the time lost.

The Center schools so far as we can judge by visits to other schools and pupils coming to us from other towns are among the best.

We have good teachers (and the success of any special teacher lies wholly in the hands of the regular teacher). All personal feeling should be laid aside, and what is best for the boy or girl under our care ought to be our first consideration. I thank the teachers, school board, and superintendent for their kindness, patience, and help in placing this branch of our school work upon a safe and sure foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN M. HOWARD,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools;

Dear Sir:—

The work in drawing is progressing well, the upper grades showing marked improvement over last year. The work is nearly up to grade now in many of the schools, although it has not yet reached the standard which we should expect it to reach under the present favorable conditions. Improvement is especially noticeable in the suburban schools. Office hours have been held once in two weeks and a number of the suburban teachers have brought their work for criticism and suggestions quite regularly. This is a great help in raising the standard where the supervisor cannot visit the schools and where the teachers have not had the advantage of a thorough training in drawing.

The teachers are beginning to realize that the results in drawing will be much better if the subject is put on the same basis as other studies, and work is not accepted until it is done as well as it is possible for the pupil to do it.

In December manual work in brass and cardboard construction was done as an application of the constructive drawing and design. Part of the materials were bought with money raised in the sale held last year, but the more expensive materials were paid for by the children as they keep the objects which they make. Most of this work has been done out of school hours by those children only who were interested enough to give the time.

The manual work cannot be carried on as it should be until a regular time each week is allowed for it, perhaps, at first, half an hour in the lower grades and one hour in the upper grades. It has been proved quite conclusively by experiment that the place for whittling is in the sixth or possibly seventh grade, for when boys reach the ninth grade they are ready for bench work and will never take as much interest in the knife alone as younger boys. The work in brass has proved to be well adapted to both boys and girls in the middle and even upper grades as it involves accuracy, carefulness, originality, and it holds the interest of the children.

Each month the results of the different grades are exhibited in the library, on the bulletin board beside the delivery desk, which has been kindly reserved for school use by the Trustees.

In October an exhibition of drawings and manual work was sent to the Plymouth County Teachers' Convention at Brockton. The exhibit from our schools compared very favorably with those sent from other towns.

The children in a few rooms are very much interested in raising money, by selling old rubbers and iron, and by saving their pennies, to buy frames for some colored pictures, suitable for school room decoration, which were bought in Paris last summer with money from the sale. These prints are by good artists, done in simple flat tones, and are excellent in color harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. COOK,

Supervisor of Drawing.

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VALUATION.

Assessed valuation of the town, 1908	\$4,527,595 69
Approximate value of school houses and lots	100,000 00
Approximate value of other school property	8,500 00

COST OF SCHOOLS.

Amount available for school purposes	\$33,232 57
Total cost of the schools for the year	33,430 90
Ordinary expenses	32,423 08
Percentage of assessed valuation expended for the schools	.0074
Average cost per pupil, based on average membership	\$26 19

POPULATION.

Population of the town, 1905	6,888
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SCHOOL CENSUS.

	Sept. 1, 1907	Sept. 1, 1908
Number of boys between the ages of 5 and 15	668	664
Number of girls between the ages of 5 and 15	592	616
	<hr/> 1260	<hr/> 1280
Increase		20
Number of boys between the ages of 7 and 14	486	486
Number of girls between the ages of 7 and 14	418	444
	<hr/> 904	<hr/> 930
Increase		26
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years of age		0

STATISTICS.

Number of visits of Committee to the schools	43
Number of visits of Superintendent to the schools	1096
Number of other visitors to Central schools	2018

Number of other visitors to Suburban schools	929
Total number of visitors to all schools	4,086
Number of pupils promoted in June in Central schools	717
Number of pupils not promoted in June in Central schools	66
Number of pupils promoted conditionally in June in Central schools	86
Number of pupils promoted in June in Suburban schools	39
Number of pupils not promoted in June in Suburban schools	34
Number of pupils promoted conditionally in June in Suburban schools	38

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers employed, including assistants, January, 1909	44
High school, men, 3; women, 5; total	8
Grammar school, men 3; women, 6; total	9
Primary schools, women	10
Suburban schools, women	15
Special teachers, music, 1; drawing, 1; total	2

SCHOOL HOUSES AND SCHOOLS.

Number occupied January, 1909	21
Number of rooms	44
High school rooms	9
Grammar school rooms, grades 4-9	11
Primary school rooms, grades 1-3	8
Suburban school rooms, mixed grades	15
Number of houses heated by steam, 1; by furnace, 8; by stoves, 12; by steam and furnace, 1	

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

	Central.	Suburban.	Total.
Whole number of pupils enrolled	1,018	474	1,492
Average membership	891	384	1,275
Average daily attendance	832	346	1,178
Percentage of attendance	93.4	90	92.4
Number of half day's absence	22,634	12,222	34,856
Number of cases of tardiness	731	588	1,319
Number of cases of dismissal	783	423	1,206
Number of cases of truancy	23	18	41
Number of cases of corporal punishment	43	9	52
Number attending over 15 years of age	147	3	150
Number attending between 7 and 14 years	641	354	995

ENROLLMENT TABLE FOR NOVEMBER.

	Central.	Suburban.	Total.
1895	662	337	999
1896	669	360	1,029
1897	686	391	1,077
1898	724	389	1,113
1899	727	384	1,111
1900	781	408	1,189
1901	860	401	1,261
1902	840	385	1,225
1903	863	405	1,268
1904	891	400	1,291
1905	907	410	1,317
1906	933	420	1,353
1907	938	404	1,342
1908	934	438	1,372

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

	Everett T. Lincoln.	S. S. Lovell.
Number of cases investigated	25	52
Number of cases of truancy	10	5
Number of cases prosecuted	0	0
Number of cases on probation	0	0
Number of cases of conviction	0	0

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE, 1894-1908.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
Number of teachers.....	30	31	31	33	33	33	34	37	37	38	39	39	40	43	44
Number of pupils.....	1,201	1,233	1,211	1,232	1,262	1,179	1,236	1,277	1,308	1,346	1,376	1,368	1,482	1,501	1,492
Average number.....	940	974	948	968	1,024	1,045	1,107	1,122	1,185	1,153	1,188	1,211	1,268	1,261	1,275
Av. daily attendance.....	860	890	881	901	950	959	1,016	1,038	1,038	1,049	1,095	1,133	1,188	1,172	1,178
Percentage.....	91.5	90.9	92.5	92.8	92.7	91.7	91.7	92.5	90.0	90.8	92.2	93.5	93.7	92.9	92.4
No. half days absence.....	29,529	28,591	26,623	27,310	27,540	31,136	32,803	34,156	40,957	34,612	35,563	36,498	32,348	38,225	34,856
No. cases tardiness.....	3,009	1,710	1,143	1,142	1,131	1,195	1,165	1,188	1,431	1,091	1,521	1,553	1,679	2,254	1,319
No. cases dismissal.....	2,497	1,659	1,321	1,483	1,495	1,061	1,107	1,116	1,186	811	1,090	1,116	1,263	1,042	1,206
No. cases truancy.....	23	12	38	21	19	14	15	26	17	9	14	15	33	44	41
No. Pupils in High School..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	138	133	147	168	174	200	205	200	171

STATISTICAL EXPENSE TABLE FOR TEN YEARS.

Year.	Fuel.	Books and Supplies.	Incidentals.	Transportation Elementary Sch'ls	Transportation High School.
1899.....	\$1,215 54	\$1,439 00	\$437 93	\$1,447 75	\$307 27
1900.....	1,072 98	1,612 76	441 04	1,522 70	352 84
1901.....	1,303 84	1,938 98	504 69	1,560 90	474 27
1902.....	690 55	1,822 85	725 10	1,739 60	524 99
1903.....	2,385 17	1,065 42	439 72	1,827 80	693 47
1904.....	1,711 99	1,353 12	582 10	1,662 30	875 20
1905.....	1,649 32	1,529 60	600 78	2,052 20	683 80
1906.....	1,478 80	1,975 82	589 64	1,375 18	765 12
1907.....	2,138 24	1,829 38	476 45	1,398 53	511 59
1908.....	2,374 92	1,718 85	631 71	1,369 85	542 60

STATISTICS OF EACH SCHOOL.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 19, 1908.

SCHOOL.	Room.	TEACHER.	Grades.	Total Membership.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
High.....		Walter Sampson, <i>Prin.</i> Leonard O. Tillson..... Grace Allen..... Ruth R. Hart..... Anastacia G. Leahy..... Clara E. Parker..... Bertha Munro.....	10-13	171	161	155	96
School Street.....	1	Carl D. Lytle, <i>Prin.</i>	9	49	43	40	94
	2	Galen W. Flanders.....	8-9	44	40	38	93
	3	Marion W. Sisson	8	49	46	43	94
	4	N. Louise Kimball.....	7	46	44	40	92
	5	Ethel A. Wentworth...	6	51	46	43	92
	6	A. Delle Alden.....	5	47	41	39	94
	7	Myra L. Atwood.....	5-6	43	39	36	92
	8	Maude B. Perry.....	4	48	43	39	92
Union Street....	1	Lucy P. Burgess, <i>Prin.</i> ...	3	45	42	39	93
	2	Lottie N. Besse.....	3	44	41	38	92
	3	A. Blanche C. Dudley..	4	28	26	25	95
Main Street.....	1	Eleanor A. Barden, <i>Prin.</i> ...	1	45	34	32	91
	2	Mabel C. Reid.....	2	46	36	33	91
Forest Street..	1	Flora M. Clark, <i>Prin.</i> ...	1	46	42	37	88
	2	Betty Alden.....	2	33	26	25	91
West Side.....	4	Cyril F. Randall, <i>Prin.</i> ...	6-7-8	42	37	34	92
	3	Ethel M. Harvey.....	4-5	44	42	38	90
	2	Katherine Bryan.....	2-3	46	34	31	90
	1	Mattie M. Bennett.....	1	45	30	27	88
Pleasant Street.		Lucy E. Merrihew.....	mixed	41	31	27	87
Plymouth Street		Grace A. Tinkham.....	"	20	18	17	96
Purchase.....		Elizabeth Belden.....	"	26	24	20	82
Nemasket.....		Grace S. Hathaway.....	"	30	16	14	88
Thompsonville..		Mabel Morey.....	"	19	13	11	91
Soule.....		Mary E. Deane.....	"	41	37	34	91
Waterville.....		Christena Pratt.....	"	31	22	21	92
Green.....		Bessie B. Bailey.....	"	30	27	25	93
Fall Brook.....		Grace E. Baker.....	"	29	25	20	84
Thomastown....		Josie L. Russell.....	"	47	35	31	89
Highland.....		Lela I. Smith.....	"	27	26	23	84
Rock.....		Annabel Landgrebe....	"	36	38	29	95
Wappanucket...		Faye H. Deane.....	"	25	20	18	90
Marion Road....		Maud DeMaranville.....	"	25	18	16	89
So. Middleboro		Hattie M. Jones.....	"	44	42	38	90

GRADUATING EXERCISES MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

Town Hall, Friday Evening, June 19, 1908, at Eight o'clock.

Choruses accompanied by High School Orchestra.

Class Motto: Virtute Non Verbis
(By Virtue, Not by Words)

Class Colors: Black and Gold

Class Flower: Yellow Rose

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Prayer.

Rev. Warren A. Luce.

Salutatory and Essay—Our Holidays—Their Use and Abuse.
Helen Sherman Robbins.

Oration—Manhood's Morning.
Clarence Howard Wilbur.

Cornet Solo—Remembrance of Liberati.
Harry Raymond Belmont.

Class Statistics.
Evelyn Holmes Reed.

Chorus—The Storm Fiend.

Recitation—A Critical Situation.
Myra Adeline Andrews.

Essay—Writers Who Have Influenced American History.
Sarah Helen Surrey.

Vocal Duet—When the Stars Are Brightly Shining.
Mildred Cole Cushman Lillian May O'Neil

Oration—Achievements of Some of Our Early Pioneers.
Reginald Whipple Drake.

Chorus—In the Moonlight.

French Recitation
L'Accident—From "La Tache du Petit Pierre"—Mairet.
Ethel Macomber.

Oration—The Panama Canal—Its Mission.
Gilbert Miles Ramsey.

Clarinet Solo—Somnambula.
James Edwin Williams.

Essay.—A Woman's Position in the Business World.
Annie Elizabeth McQuade.

Chorus—The Crown of Gold.

Recitation—Brier-Rose.
Gertrude Leighton Cox.

Class Prophecy.
Frank Harrison Harrington.

Essay and Valedictory—The Value of Character.
Florence Linwood White.

Singing of Class Ode.
Written by Edith Hazel Cushing.

Presentation of Diplomas.
William A. Andrews, Chairman of School Committee.

Benediction.

CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Principal: Walter Sampson.

Leonard O. Tillson.	Anastacia G. Leahy.
Jennie G. Allen.	Clara E. Parker.
Ruth R. Hart.	Bertha Munro.

Instructor in Music: Austin M. Howard.

Instructor in Drawing: Mary L. Cook.

CLASS OF 1908.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Gilbert Miles Ramsey.	Clarence Howard Wilbur.
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ENGLISH-LATIN COURSE.

Albert Alden.	Sarah Zilpha Letcher.
Myra Adeline Andrews.	Ethel Macomber.
George Leland Barney.	Annie Elizabeth McQuade.
Gertrude Leighton Cox.	Lillian May O'Neil.
Edith Hazel Cushing.	Perlie Melvin Phinney.
Mildred Cole Cushman.	Evelyn Holmes Reed.
Martinia Katherine Donahue.	Helen Sherman Robbins.

Reignald Whipple Drake.	Teresa Veronica Sheehan.
Alice Sabra Howes.	Mattie White Snow.
Ruby Morrison Keedwell.	Florence Linwood White.
James Edwin Williams.	

ENGLISH COURSE.

Harry Raymond Belmont.	Ethel Norris.
Ruth Marjorie Davis.	Bessie Mae Norton.
Achsie May Godfrey.	Annie Julia Pasztor.
Frank Harrison Harrington.	Rose Veronica Pasztor.
Willis Cobb Holcomb.	Leo Anderson Quindley.
Mildred Catherine Martin.	Gladys Pearce Shockley.
James Russ Murray.	Sarah Helen Surrey.
Bradford Elmer Swift.	

CLASS ODE.

(Tune of "School Days")

By Edith Hazel Cushing.

These four years have quickly vanished,
With study, work, and play,
And brought us, classmates, eager and gay
To Graduation Day.

Friends and teachers, we must leave you,
Though we part with deep regret;
For the days we've spent at High School
We can never quite forget.

Our path has been happy and bright,
Few shadows crossed the way;
For youth's sunshine of hope and delight
Has illumined each day.

These days of yore will come no more,
But through our life we will bless
The harbor bar we have left afar,
Our beloved M. H. S.

Chorus.

School days, school days,
Dear old happy school days,
"Exams" that cause hearts to palpitate
Given to the good class of nineteen eight.
With this our message of good cheer,
We join our voices once again
Before we part and leave these paths so dear,
For life, then, shall our friendship last.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

January 1, 1908 to January 1, 1909. .

WITHDRAWALS.

Galen W. Flanders, Submaster, School Street school.
 N. Louise Kimball, Grade 7, School Street school.
 A. Blanche C. Dudley, Grade 4, Union Street school.
 Alice B. LeBaron, Plymouth Street school.
 Grace S. Hathaway, Nemasket school.
 Grace E. Baker, Fall Brook school.
 Lela I. Smith, Highland school.
 Mabel Morey, Waterville school.
 Belle Prescott, Waterville school.
 A. M. Bowley, Highland school.
 Dorothy Shaw, Thompsonville school.
 Mary E. King, Waterville school.

APPOINTMENTS.

Allison P. Dorman, High School.
 Edward D. Randall, Submaster, School Street school.
 Katherine A. Rogers, grade 7, School Street school.
 Blanche E. Spooner, Nemasket School.
 Dorothy Shaw, Thompsonville school.
 Alice M. Ward, Thomastown school.
 Louise I. Gove, Fall Brook school.
 Clara B. Cushing, Waterville school.
 Belle Prescott, Waterville School,
 Mary E. King, Waterville school.
 Lucy P. Swift, Highland school.
 Myrtie A. Shaw, Thompsonville school.

TRANSFERS.

Grace A. Tinkham from Purchase to Plymouth Street.
 Christena Pratt from Waterville to Purchase School.
 Mabel Morey from Thompsonville to Waterville school.
 Josie L. Russell from Thomastown to So. Middleboro school.
 Hattie M. Jones from So. Middleboro to Grade 3, Union Street School.

LIST OF TEACHERS JANUARY 1, 1909.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main Street, Near Town Hall.

Walter Sampson, Principal, Pearl St.

Leonard O. Tillson, 11 North St.

Grace Allen, 19 Pierce St.

Anastacia G. Leahy, 19 Everett St.

Clara E. Parker, 65 Pearl St.

Bertha Munro, 37 Oak St.

Ruth N. Hart, 37 Oak St.

Allison P. Dorman, 41 School St.

SCHOOL STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School Street.

Room.		Grade.	
1.	Carl D. Lytle, Prin.	9.	109 Centre St.
2.	Edward D. Randall,	7-8-9.	82 Pearl St.
3.	Marion W. Sisson,	8.	75 So. Main St.
4.	Katherine Rogers,	7.	23 North St.
5.	Ethel A. Wentworth,	6.	23 North St.
6.	A. Delle Alden,	5.	75 So. Main St.
7.	Myra L. Atwood,	5-6.	28 School St.
8.	Maude B. Perry,	4.	6 Myrtle St.

UNION STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Union Street.

Room.		Grade.	
1.	Lucy P. Burgess, Prin.	3.	2 Myrtle St.
2.	Lottie N. Besse,	4.	15 Union Street.
3.	Hattie M. Jones,	3.	3 Maple Avenue

MAIN STREET PRIMARY.

Main Street, Near Congregational Church.

Room.		Grade.	
1.	Eleanor A. Barden, Prin.,	1.	85 Pearl St.
2.	Mabel C. Reid,	2.	110 South Main St.

FOREST STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Room.		Grade.	
1.	Flora M. Clark, Prin.,	1.	18 Forest St.
2.	Betty Alden,	2.	114 South Main St.

WEST SIDE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

West End Avenue.

Room.		Grade.	
4.	Cyril F. Randall, Prin.,	6-7-8.	9 West End Ave.
3.	Ethel M. Harvey,	4-5.	210 Centre St.
2.	Katherine Bryan,	2-3.	Bridgewater.
1.	Mattie M. Bennett,	1.	8 Pierce St.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street—Lucy E. Merrihew, 22 East Grove St.
 Plymouth Street—Grace A. Tinkham, 11 Courtland St.
 Purchade—Christena Pratt, East Main St.
 Nemasket—Blanche E. Spooner, 37 Oak St.
 Thompsonville—Myrtle A. Shaw, Summer St.
 Soule—Mary E. Deane, Thompson St.
 Waterville—Clara B. Cushing, 73 North Main St.
 Green—Bessie B. Bailey, 23 Forest St.
 Fall Brook—Louise E. Gove, 25 Webster St.
 Rock—Annabel Landgrebe, North St.
 Thomastown—Alice M. Ward, Chestnut St.
 South Middleboro—Josie L. Russell, Wareham.
 Highland—Lucy P. Swift, Wareham.
 Wappanucket—Faye H. Deane, 63 Oak St.
 Marion Road—Maude DeMaranville, Lakeville.

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Music—Austin M. Howard, 66 Everett St.
 Drawing—Mary L. Cook, 71 Pierce St.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1909-1910.

HIGH SCHOOL.

	Opens.	Closes.	
Winter term,	Jan. 4.	March 26.	Vacation one week.
Spring term,	April 3.	June 25.	Vacation ten weeks.
Fall term,	Sept. 5.	Dec. 23.	Vacation one week.
Winter term,	Jan. 3, 1910.		

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Central Schools, Grades 7, 8, and 9.

Same as High School.

ELEMENTARY AND SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Opens.	Closes.	
Winter term, Jan. 4.	March 26.	Vacation one week.
Spring term, April 3.	June 18.	Vacation twelve weeks.
Fall term, Sept. 13.	Dec. 23.	Vacation one week.
Winter term, Jan. 3, 1910.		

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

February 22, April 19, May 31, October 29, November 25, 26.

TEACHERS' PAY DAYS.

1909. January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 29, June 18—25, October 1, October 29, November 24, December 23.

1910. January 28, February 25, March 25.

SCHOOL SESSIONS.

High from 8.15 a. m. to 1.15 p. m.

Central elementary from 9 a. m. to 12 m., and 1.30 p. m. to 3.30 p. m.

Suburban, morning session from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Afternoon session from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., during September, October, April, May and June: from 1 p. m. to 3.30 p. m. during November, December, January, February and March.

FIRE SIGNALS.

Two strokes of gong—pupils will march out WITHOUT hats and coats.

Two strokes, followed by one—pupils will march out WITH hats and coats.

Fire drills shall be given at least once a week.

MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL STORM SIGNALS REVISED FEBRUARY, 1908.

FOR ALL SCHOOLS.

The signal, 2-1-2, will be given four times upon the fire alarm bell and whistles at 7.45 a. m. for suspension of the session of the High school and the morning session of the Elementary schools, and at 12.45 p. m. for suspension of afternoon sessions.

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The same signal at 8.15 a. m. closes all schools below the High school, and at 8.30 a. m. the schools in the Chapel, Union Street, Forest Street buildings and the schools on the first floor of the West Side building for the forenoon session. The same signal at 1 p. m. closes the schools closed by the 8.30 a. m. signal for the afternoon session.

CHARLES H. BATES,

Superintendent of Schools.

CHARLES W. KINGMAN,

Chief Engineer of Fire Department

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

To be Held in the Town Hall, Monday, March 1st, 1909.

Article I. To choose all necessary town officers, the following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz: One moderator for one year, one treasurer, one collector of taxes, eight constables, three fish wardens, one auditor, three fence viewers, one tree warden, all for one year each; one overseer of the poor for two years; one Town Clerk, one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three trustees of the Public Library, two members of the school committee, one member of the Municipal Light Board, and one member of the board of health, all for three years.

The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half past eleven o'clock a. m. and will not be closed before half past three o'clock p. m.

Article II. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No", in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article III. To raise such sums of money, by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, for the current year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes for the year.

Article IV. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning Jan. 1, 1909 in anticipa-

tion of the collection of taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article V. To hear the report of any committees, or officers of the town, to appoint any committees, and act thereon.

Article VI. To allow accounts against the town and act thereon.

Article VII. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds as long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen pound keepers.

Article VIII. To dispose of the money received for dog licenses, and other licenses, the present year, and act thereon.

Article IX. To see if the town will pay the expense of a night watch in the Four Corners, and act thereon.

Article X. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day and act thereon.

Article XI. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling the streets, and act thereon.

Article XII. To see what action the town will take in relation to concrete or other sidewalks, appropriate any sum of money for the same, and act thereon.

Article XIII. To see what action the town will take in regard to disposing of its rights to take alewives for one year, or a term of years, and act thereon.

Article XIV. To appoint a committee on appropriations and act thereon.

Article XV. To see if the town will vote to instruct its

selectmen to assess an annual rental for the use of sewers and act thereon. (By request)

Article XVI. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to institute, defend, or compromise suits for or against the town during the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article XVII. To see if the town will elect a committee for the suppression of crime, appropriate money for the same, and act thereon.

Article XVIII. Vote "Yes" or "No." Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire" be accepted by this town?

Article XIX. To see if the town will vote to purchase the property, or any part thereof, belonging to Augustus F. Arnold, on Wareham Street, appropriate money for the same, and act thereon.

Article XX. To see if the town will vote to reimburse the local committee having in charge the Lincoln Day Memorial services, for expenses incurred, to an amount not exceeding \$50, to appropriate money therefor, and to act anything thereon.

Article XXI. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Chief of Police, and act anything thereon.

Article XXII. To see if the town will vote to build a four room school building at the Centre, appropriate money for the same, and act anything thereon.

Article XXIII. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Committee on the publication known as the History of Middleboro to place in the public schools of the town for the use of the pupils, as many copies of the book as are deemed necessary, and also offer the book for sale to the public at reduced prices and act anything thereon.

Article XXIV. To see what action the town will take in

regard to placing "markers" on the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors who enlisted in the town of Middleboro, and who are buried in the cemeteries in the town, and make any appropriation therefor, and act thereon.

Article XXV. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take land from the terminal of Shaw Ave. to Frank St. as per petition of J. A. Shaw and others, and act anything thereon.

Article XXVI. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to reimburse the treasury to the amount of \$2,500 for the payment of a note of that amount which was given in payment of the Town History, and act anything thereon.

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